

# Saudi debtors get religion

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Marian Van Til

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — In Saudi Arabia, U.S. bankers are discovering some of the effects of incorporating religion into all of life — Islam-style. They find themselves having “to deal with the highest authority in the land — Allah,” says a recent report in *Newsweek*, May 12.

Why Allah? It is estimated by one U.S. agency that there are \$8-\$9-billion of loans (from U.S. banks) in arrears in

Saudi Arabia. However, *sharia*, the law of Islam, does not allow the payment of interest. Thus borrowers are “stifling creditors by invoking *sharia*... And in the desert kingdom, *sharia* is the law: judges are Muslim clerics, and they look favourably upon debtors, citing the Koran as protection against creditors,” says the *Newsweek* report.

The U.S. banks are virtually powerless to do anything about the situation. The Saudis are suddenly

invoking a religious law that, ostensibly, has been observed since the seventh century. But profit can sometimes stand in the way of “faith”: during the oil boom a few years ago, bankers used “semantic sleight of hand” to get around the issue (they charged “administrative fees” or “loan initiation discounts”), “borrowers pretended not to notice,” and everyone was happy.

## Not enough cash

However, when things “tightened up,” as one Western banker put it, “Islamic businessmen all over the country started deciding it was against their religion to pay interest.”

It’s not that the Saudis are broke — it is estimated they still have \$80-billion in assets, but these assets are not quickly or easily converted to cash. In addition, to save those reserves the government has Continued on page 4 ...



Saudi Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani

## Thinkbit

*When you pity someone, you are concerned with the person's problem, but you don't share it. When you have compassion, that's when you share it.*

Adapted from *The Other Side of the Sun*

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## Alberta fieldman eighth Canadian to receive Dutch medal

Henry Heinen

PICTURE BUTTE, Alta. — About 250 people met in the Elk's Hall here to honour Bernard Nieboer, known affectionately in local circles as the “Dutch Ambassador.”

Mr. Nieboer was responsible for the settlement of 5,000 immigrants in and around Lethbridge. Most of the immigrants were placed on the beet fields of southern Alberta.

It was to be expected that the crowd in attendance numbered many former immigrants, farmers on whose farms many people had been placed, relatives, friends and local politicians.

Bernard became the eighth person to receive the Olivier Van Noort Medal and Citation. The medal is named after the first Dutchman to sail around the world. It is awarded to persons who have been and are involved in the immigration of Hollanders to other parts of the world. Holland has been a

country of immigration throughout her history.

## The real and the so-called ambassador

Mr. Jan Breman, the Dutch Ambassador to Canada, spoke briefly about the origin of the award, its naming, and the awarding process. The medal is presented annually by The Netherlands Emigration Foundation. Mr. Nieboer has been known for many years as the “Dutch Ambassador” and for many years had a chair with that name on it in a local garage where many people would gather for a cup of “koffie” (“coffee row”). Mr. Nieboer expressed his appreciation to be able to meet the real Dutch Ambassador, “For me it was merely a nickname!”

Mr. Breman then read the Latin inscription on the Medal and provided translations in both Dutch and English. Continued on page 5 ...

## Christian Horizons insists on hiring Christians

Henry de Jong

KITCHENER, Ont. — There’s no question, says Noel Churchman, that we will continue to discriminate against non-Christians.

Mr. Churchman is the Executive Director of Christian Horizons, an interdenominational, evangelical ministry to the mentally handicapped which operates 29 group homes, three day programs and seven camps in Ontario.

He was reacting to a recommendation by the Federal Government Committee on Equality Rights that

would prohibit all employers, not just the government, from discriminating on the basis of religion.

## Must rely on staff

Christian Horizons accepts Christians and non-Christians alike into its homes and programs, said Churchman. Although devotions are a normal part of life in its group homes and residents are encouraged to go to their own church, no one is forced to participate.

When it comes to choosing its staff, Continued on page 4 ...

## Women urge churches to fight porn magazine sales

Margaret Griffioen

DURHAM REGION, Ont. — The recent decision by 7-Eleven stores to stop selling pornographic magazines (C.C., May 2) is encouraging news for women in this area who are fighting to have all convenience stores halt the sale of such material.

The Durham Region chapter of R.E.A.L. Women of Canada “has made an insert for church bulletins which encourages congregation members to sign petitions and write letters [stating objections to the sale of pornographic literature],” according to a R.E.A.L. spokesperson (names are being withheld for the members protection. “Even in church circles there are bound to be pornography readers.”)

These petitions and letters are sent to local stores and their head offices.

R.E.A.L. says many denominations in the area have become involved since the project started a month ago. “It would be great if churches all across Canada could follow this example and unitedly oppose the tremendous evil of pornographic literature which so freely pervades our stores. It’s also wonderful to see how supportive young peoples’ groups are.”

The spokesperson says that “many store managers would like to see the material removed from stores but they are forced to sell it by their head offices. A lot of the managers are encouraging us in our protest.”

The bulletin insert explains American findings of links between pornographic literature and crime, violence and child abuse. It urges people to check their local stores to see if pornographic magazines are sold — and if so, to tell the manager that they object and will not shop at the store until the literature is removed.

“It has been proven that it only takes four customers objecting in one store over a short period of time to have these magazines removed,” states the insert.

“One lady in a small town in this region has been successful in having the magazines removed from a Shoppers Drug Mart and several private convenience stores,” says the R.E.A.L. spokesperson. Currently, all those who signed the petitions in the area are boycotting the stores which sell pornographic magazines and “it should be interesting to see what happens. We have to fight this sort of thing.”

Addresses of convenience store head offices are provided as well as a sample letter. (See page five for sample letter and addresses.)



Bernard Nieboer accepts the Olivier Van Noort medal from Ambassador Jan Breman while Mary Nieboer looks on.

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## Editorial

## Day care, who cares? we all care!

By now we are used to the idea that governments fund schools and hospitals. Some collective acts by the State are acceptable, it seems, when the alternative of an individual pay-as-you-go school and hospital attendance is contemplated. Nevertheless, some of us are having a hard time accepting the idea that governments have a similar responsibility funding day-care centres. Why is that?

The argument of parental responsibility for child care may not sound as convincing as we think it to be. Parents are also responsible for the education and health of their children. Yet, the Latin phrase *in loco parentis* (in the place of parents) has been used as a justification for allowing others to do what parents are not able to do. Parents would find it difficult to provide their children with a modern education and are glad to hand the responsibility over to teachers. The same with modern medicine. We thank God that there are doctor's offices, clinics and hospitals.

Why not accept day-care centres as *in loco parentis* solutions to problems of modern living? Especially for single mothers there seems to be no alternative to going out of the house for paying work. Which means that someone else has to look after the pre-school children, right?

### Not everything to be mandated

If the affirmative answer seems to take a little while in coming, you are probably aware that there is more to the question of day-care centres than simply meeting the immediate needs of working mothers. Sending a child to a school or a hospital is not quite the same as leaving an infant in a day-care centre. If everything is placed in the category of *in loco parentis*, pray what is there left for parents to do? Surely, nurture, the most foundational part of growing up, should not be passed on from parents to substitutes, unless parents are absolutely unable to provide it.

Day care for infants is basic and comprehensive care: it is physical care, emotional care, mental care and spiritual care. Only those who have the greatest personal interest in the child should be entrusted with this primary task of allowing it to open up and grow up. Christians especially want such development to take place in a covenant environment, preferably the parental home. Somehow the phrase *in loco parentis* seems out of place here.

### When day care becomes a right

The present drive towards publicly funded day-care centres should be worrisome to us. It is not to be overlooked that the same people who ask for day care also tend to be the ones who want free abortion clinics. It makes sense. If children are prevented from being born for reasons of inconvenience to the mother, then those who are allowed to be born should not get in the way of the mother either. Her career and personal happiness are not to be interfered with. The National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) brazenly declares that "day care is a fundamental right of women to achieve their maximum potential."

This trend in our society has so far not shown any signs of diminishing or coming to a halt. In fact, most provincial and federal budgets show an increase in funding for day care. (The latest Ontario Liberal budget was no exception.) We should be concerned. For if the state is saddled with the responsibility of providing day care for our society's children, then the state will eventually interfere with those parents who still believe in raising their children at home. Attendance at day-care centres may become compulsory.

If Sweden is any indication of what an *in loco parentis* state

can do, then we should warn our own governments. An anonymous phone call there alleging child abuse can put parents at the mercy of social workers, who have the power to remove children from homes. The burden of proof lies with the parents, not with the accusers.

### Who is ultimately responsible?

We realize that many broken situations call for adequate day care. What, for example, is a single mother without relatives in the city to do? Faced with the crying need of individuals, our natural impulse is to help, never mind the social or political implications. And that is as it should be. But away from the scene of individual need, decisions have to be made that affect the direction of a whole society. Hard questions have to be faced here, such as:

Are we not often creating our own problems with the kind of lifestyle decisions we make? Is the state supposed to provide band-aid treatment while we go on violating all kinds of rules for wholesome living?

How does a serious article in *The Toronto Star* (May 5, 1986) dare to print the following statement: "As the numbers of single-parent families and working mothers have risen quickly and steadily, thousands of children in low-standard day care became the victims of government policies that ignored these new social realities." That the children became victims everyone can agree on. But did they become the victims of the new social realities? No, says the article, they became the victims of government policies which ignored these new social realities. Are the readers of major newspapers supposed to swallow this stuff without blinking?

No wonder citizens who still appreciate personal and communal (not collective!) responsibility are balking at the idea of state-funded universal day care. An organization like R.E.A.L. Women of Canada believes that day care should be available only according to need, and that tax incentives could be used to encourage mothers to stay home. Their opposition to universal day care is not an indication that they love working mothers less. It's that they don't believe that in the long run anyone will be helped by the creation of an *in loco parentis* state.

## Letters

EDITORIAL POLICY: We encourage our readers to write brief responses to material published in our paper. Please specify the issue and article you are commenting on. A long letter,

### Peter on the stoop

The little piece in the April 18 issue of C.C. carrying the title "Believe it or not" is true.

I was with a friend of mine in California last year at Easter. We witnessed the whole live retelling of the Easter story in the Chrystal Cathedral in Garden Grove.

There was a real tiger and a few camels. Peter, who betrayed his Lord, was sitting on a stoop crying. There was Pontius Pilate and a so-called earthquake.

Everything was portrayed exactly the way we read about it in the Bible.

Mrs. Elizabeth Karreman,  
Toronto, Ontario

And... were you edified?

Editor

### Encourages academic marketplace

As a former student of Calvin College ('42) I appreciated the publication of the "Longer letter" by Daniel R. Miller in the February 21 edition of *Calvinist Contact*.

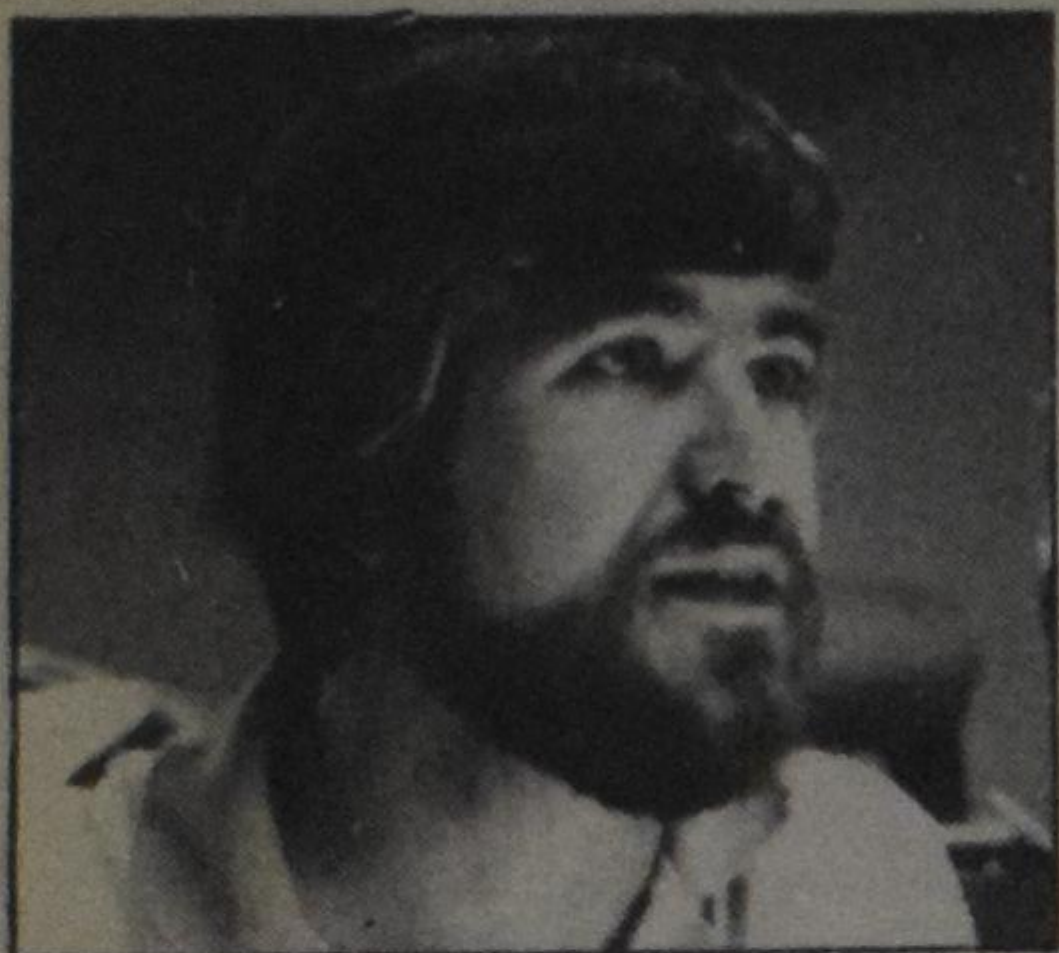
I support Dr. Schwarz's conclusion, "Every Christian has a God-given duty to expose and oppose the atheism of communism and the classicide to which it leads." While I perform medical/legal evaluations to earn a living, I teach, lecture, and at its request write government memoranda on Marxism-Leninism without pay (at my request).

It is my sincere hope that you will publish Mr. Miller's letter and Dr. Schwarz's reply in their entirety as a valuable contribution to the academic



JUST A MOMENT/HERMAN PRAAMSMA

Longer Letters



"Love and a cough cannot be hid"  
(George Herbert, 1593-1632)

I may not be a daughter or young lady, but I should have remembered the words of William Lorenzo Carter who wrote these inspired sentiments in the 1840s:

'O daughter, dear,' her mother said, 'this blanket round you fold,  
'Tis such a dreadful night abroad you will catch your death of cold.'

Young ladies, think of this fair girl and always dress aright,  
And never venture thinly clad on such a wintry night.

If I had remembered these winged sentiments I might now not be sick in bed with an assortment of bugs, viruses and bacteria. The doctor called it bronchitis, and has since then corrected himself and diagnosed pneumonia.

Halfway through this business I thought I was just about better again, except for a persistent cough. Sure enough, it could not be hid, as George Herbert pointed out 300-and-some years ago. It is depressing to have to stay in bed, but I have to until my lungs are clear again and the coughing no longer betrays me.

Fortunately I have experienced the truth of the first part of Herbert's words as well, and it has been especially during physical weakness, when I feel so useless, that there was tremendous encouragement in love. How beautiful to receive cards from the Sunday School children! How good to have people calling up and dropping by and being assured of prayers and concern.

Maybe I should write a book, "How Can It Feel So Good When I Feel So Bad?" It is true, without question, that a caring community is the best medicine for the soul when a person is laid up. It is a bit sad perhaps that sometimes people have to wait until they become sick to experience that caring. It reminds me of the words of Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861):

How many desolate creatures on the earth  
Have learned the simple dues of fellowship  
And social comfort, in a hospital.

It is no wonder that the book *Ecclesiasticus* (which you find in the *Apocrypha*) exhorts believers with the words, "Be not slow to visit the sick."

I will stop here, before I have a relapse. My cough is beginning to betray me again. Call or visit a sick person — today!

Herman Praamsma is pastor of the Fellowship Christian Reformed Church in Rexdale, Ontario.

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be published to meet editorial requirements. Unsigned letters will not be published but names may be withheld upon request.

marketplace of ideas. This would be in the tradition of the Calvin College on Franklin Street that I am pleased to remember, so many years ago.

Joost Sluis,  
Auburn, CA

C.C. feeds anti-American sentiment

In your editorial of April 25 "Why Reagan is getting little support" you stated that, "I don't think that any society or country in the world has had to endure as much mass denunciation as has the U.S.A." That is true. Certainly among some people in our own community, bashing the Americans is great sport, a way of life and thought.

My own older children, who were all born in Michigan during my lengthy stay there, state that there is a constant vilification of America and Reagan by some school staff members. The Russians, well ... they exist, but, the ridicule, the scorn, the verbal abuse and the nasty digs are saved for Reagan and the Americans.

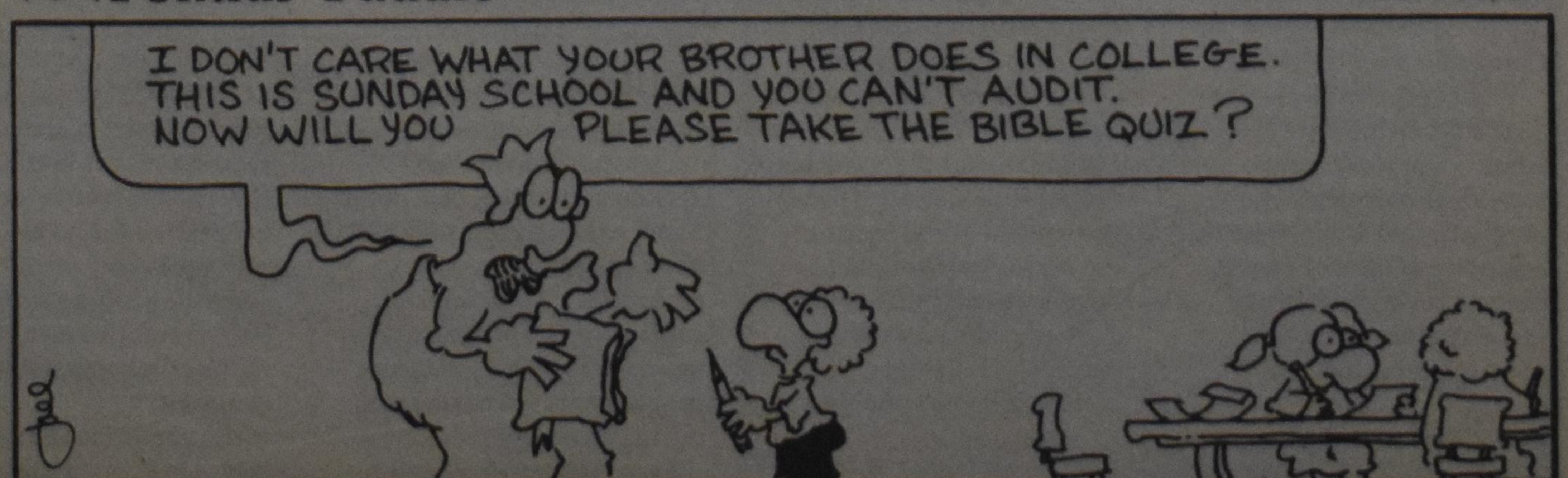
In view of your editorial, I was surprised that this same hostile attitude was now displayed in C.C. The position of Mr. van Oosterom in his diatribe "All the world a stage for Ronald Reagan" (May 2, 1986) makes it evident

that C.C. deliberately or unintentionally feeds this anti-American criticism.

Certainly there is no justification for giving any space (let alone a full page) to an uninformed slam of Reagan, American society, foreign policy, the Western Alliance and an analysis of past and present American military action.

Jack A. Zondag,  
St. Catharines, Ontario

Pontius' Puddle



America not to be compared with Soviet Union

I have read a copy of Daniel R. Miller's letter in *Calvinist Contact* (February 21). It was a diatribe against the United States and against Australian-born Dr. Fred Schwarz, now the eminent anti-communist crusader in America along with his medical doctor son, John. I trust that although ideals expressed in this letter are contrary to beliefs held by *Contact* you will be fair and publish this retired Baptist minister's rebuttal.

First, I have been on Dr. Schwarz's mailing list for years. I admire this Jewish-born born-again medical doctor who left his native country and came to the United States and he and his son are devoting their time to inform Americans about the evil of world communism!

Secondly, we appreciate immensely that the Canadian government, and we trust the majority of Canadian citizens, lent their moral support in our recent attack on terrorism. God bless the Canadians!

As gently as possible I want to answer Mr. Miller's unapplicable analogies of our beloved America. He compares the United States to what he defines as "imperialism" with the constant brutal subjugation by the Soviet Union of one nation after another.

Presently, the Soviet Union is engaged in the subjugation and the most inhumane warfare against its

neighbouring nation Afghanistan. I quote from a letter by the International Rescue Committee, Inc. New York, "Soviet troops have driven 4-million people out of Afghanistan, and perhaps another 2-million out of their homes. They destroy villages, crops and agricultural facilities. For the children, they drop limb-shattering booby traps disguised as toy harmonicas and birds."

Mr. Miller, you compare the U.S. to that? Mr. Miller's dredged-up incidents of almost a century ago in the Philippines does in no way compare. Every country we have ever fought against, we have helped restore including the Philippines.

More than that, ASIA-WEEK, Hong Kong, reports that in the darkest hour of the rebellion, there on the desk of General Ramos was an open Bible and a copy of Dr. Schwarz' "You Can Trust the Communists" (to be Communists). Furthermore President Cory Aquino and the Filipino people are very cordial to the United States.

It is a very sad commentary that Mr. Miller, supposedly a born-again Christian, and of all things a history teacher in a church-supported institution, has and undoubtedly teaches to his students such a distorted viewpoint of benevolent America!

Menno Harms,  
Cherokee, OK

Do away with white and black hats

Dr. Schwarz makes it seem as though Professor Miller is only criticizing American "mistakes" in the distant past. And, worse, he confuses the issue by dragging in government terror or carnage of the long-ago, which Professor Miller made no reference to.

Dr. Schwarz writes, "They seize upon any historic injustice perpetrated by the U.S.A., however far in the past (ital. mine), and use it to excuse the recent and present conduct of the Soviet Union and associated communists .... He may be critical of the message because I do not discuss the tortures of the inquisition and the carnage of the Civil War (ital. mine), in addition to the classicide of communism."

Come on, Dr. Schwarz! That wouldn't even get you a D in college freshman logic. You must have a low opinion of your readers' intellect to try to get away with that. (Maybe it's justified; I don't know!)

I do not hesitate to criticize the Soviet Union on a thousand counts. Not the least, their stupid handling of the nuclear disaster. There is so much wrong with the Soviet Union that if I were to begin to enumerate my criticisms, it would take eight pages.

But that doesn't negate my right and obligation to criticize my own country when it makes dreadful mistakes, as we

did in Vietnam. And as we're doing in Nicaragua, the newest Vietnam.

I am the author of almost 70 books for adults and young adults, in which I try to present both sides of controversial questions. May I be excused for pointing out that your case would be a lot more persuasive if you did the same, instead of putting Uncle Sam in a white hat, and all communist or left-leaning countries in black hats?

This is no apologia for any country which lacks an ACLU and the Bill of Rights. But it is a protest against the superpatriots who recognize no notes in our own eye. (Ben Jonson: "Patriotism is the last refuge of scoundrels." Citation: Richard Nixon.)

What all this comes down to is that I could be a lot more persuaded of your case if you did challenge injustice and aggression anywhere they exist — on the home front as well as abroad. Questioning Reagan's imperialist tendencies as well as Gorbachev's.

Would that really weaken your case if you took this honest, intellectually respectable approach? Let's remember that anti-communism was the theme song by which Hitler and Mussolini rode to power, and excused their aggressions.

Jules Archer,  
Santa Cruz, CA



## News

### Jews for Jesus Canadian director arrested

TORONTO, Ont. (JFJ) — Steve Cohen, director of Jews For Jesus in Toronto, was arrested April 10th while handing out Gospel tracts at York University. The administration charged Cohen with trespassing on private property.

The administration states that York University is private property. They therefore claim that permission must be granted in order for the Gospel to be presented. Yet across North America Jews For Jesus members have distributed tens of thousands of tracts on public university campuses like York.

According to Cohen, the nature of a university is not to

censure opinions, even if presented by a minority of one. "In the case of York University there are homosexual groups, political groups of every stripe, and those actively promoting atheism. Why not Jews For Jesus?"

#### University marketplace

Says Cohen, "York University is a market place for the free exchange of ideas. When the administration interferes with the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of speech there is something seriously wrong. Concerned Christians should speak out! How can the administration contend that

this university is private property? How can they declare that the freedom of speech is available only if they say it is OK? Even if what is said is unpopular with non-Christians, should a Christian voice be silenced in such a manner?"

York University has a Jewish student population of over 40 per cent. In opposition to the presentation of the Gospel, a handful of activists have lobbied to have Jews For Jesus removed from the campus.

"I don't know what they are afraid of," says Cohen, "Why should someone handing out pamphlets bring such a reaction unless Jesus really is the Messiah which is contrary to the teachings or rabbis today? If Messiah has come, then Jews should believe in Jesus. Sadly, tradition, lack of knowledge of the Scriptures, and the fear of rejection by



A Jew for Jesus representative talks to student

family and friends has led to threats and pressure rather than honest consideration of the Gospel claims. All we want to do is give people a chance to find out the truth for

themselves."

The trial date has been set for early fall. Canadian case law is yet to be developed in this crucial area.

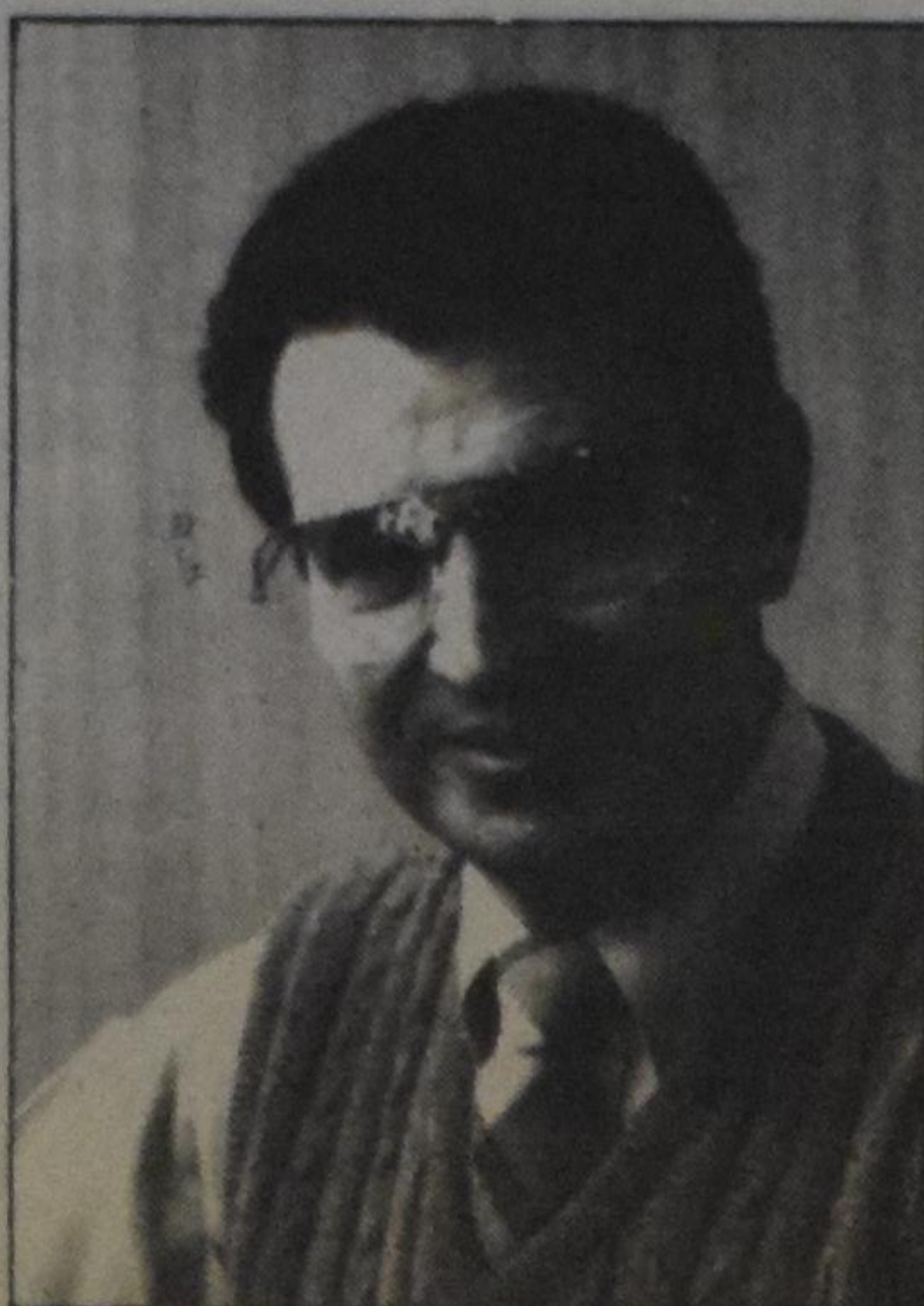
### From teens to babies

#### C.C. staff

John Knight, perhaps best known to our readers as editor of *Insight* magazine, will be leaving the employ of the Young Calvinist Federation in early June. Mr. Knight first started with YCF in 1962, returned to Canada in 1975 for a three-year stint with Free Vision Communications in St. Catharines, and returned to YCF about eight years ago.

In a new position, Knight will direct art and photography functions at Spartan Graphics in Sparta, Michigan, one of several Gerber companies. Gerber produces baby food, infant wear, children's furniture and other related lines. John is an occasional contributor to *Calvinist Contact*, and spent more than 21 years in various phases of youth ministry.

"There is a time when we must all realize we are no longer young Calvinists, and let others



take over," says Knight, who has been the only Canadian on the YCF staff, "Besides, there's a real world out there and I'm anxious to return to the world of business."

Knight's previous business experience includes The Bank of Nova Scotia, General Tire and Rubber and corporate headquarters of Canadian Canners Ltd. in Hamilton.

### Missionary notes improvements in Uganda

GRAND RAPIDS, MI (CRWRC) — "We are encouraged by the progress that the National Resistance Army (NRA) has made in the few months it has been in control of Uganda," writes Grace Tazelaar, health educator there with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC). "Your prayers have been answered by our Lord."

Tazelaar adds, "But much work remains to be done. Please continue to pray for the new government and the tremendous task it has in rebuilding the country."

CRWRC's health care, agriculture, education and income generation work in Uganda is supported by Operation Manna, a project of the All Ontario Diaconal Conference.

The primary health care program came to a standstill when the NRA wrested control from the former military government early this year. Fuel supplies and road travel were limited. Tazelaar and her Ugandan colleague were unable to go to the villages to plan training sessions for the health workers.

While many people of Arua fled to the Zaire border, fearing the undisciplined government soldiers retreating from Kampala, Tazelaar remained



People of Arua packed their belongings themselves in trucks to flee before the retreating government soldiers ousted by the NRA (National Resistance Army).

to support those who stayed to prevent looting. The Christians among them met for prayer. The resulting number of unjust incidents was minimal and Arua was eventually liberated by the NRA.

"I am truly grateful for your prayers," says Tazelaar. "Please remember CRWRC's work in Uganda and give as God has blessed you. The need is so great!"

### Christian Horizons insists on hiring Christians

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however, Christian Horizons insists on hiring Christians. Only they, said Churchman, can deal with problems and crises the way we would want them to.

When asked if even the occasional, non-Christian on staff would be damaging to the work of the organization, Mr. Churchman replied that it was important to be able to rely completely on staff members. The bottom line in every situation, he feels, should be a Christian commitment.

There are generally two to three staff members at every home. Their work is quite individualized, and they are often required to supervise the home alone. Each of them is likely to be confronted with situations that reach right down to the bottom line.

#### Loss of funding?

Noel Churchman is worried

that government funding for Christian Horizons might become conditional on the expansion of its employment horizons to non-Christians as well.

Christian Horizons now receives some \$5-million, or 90 per cent of its budget from the government.

The April issue of the Christian Horizons newsletter features a "National Alert" highlighting the problems that the federal government's recommendations would bring to Christian organizations.

The "Alert" asks people to write to their Member of Parliament to ask for a delay in the implementation of these recommendations and for assurance that the right of religious organizations to hire staff according to their own beliefs and religious commitment be preserved.

### Saudi debtors get religion

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clamped down on its spending. Forty per cent of the Saudi Arabian gross national product comes from the government. Government contractors are not being paid, and they, in turn, (and their suppliers) are not paying their debts.

Some Western bankers are

simply giving up, reducing their presence in the Middle East. One bank executive, according to *Newsweek*, says his colleagues were aware of the potential problem with *sharia* but were motivated by greed (during the boom time) and so ignored it.

King Fahd may be the only source of help available.

Knowing he has nothing to gain by alienating world banks, he has appointed a commission which is looking into taking borrower/lender problems away from the jurisdiction of the Islamic legal system and putting them instead under commercial law, where apparently Allah has no hold over "Caesar."



# Compulingo: A new affliction

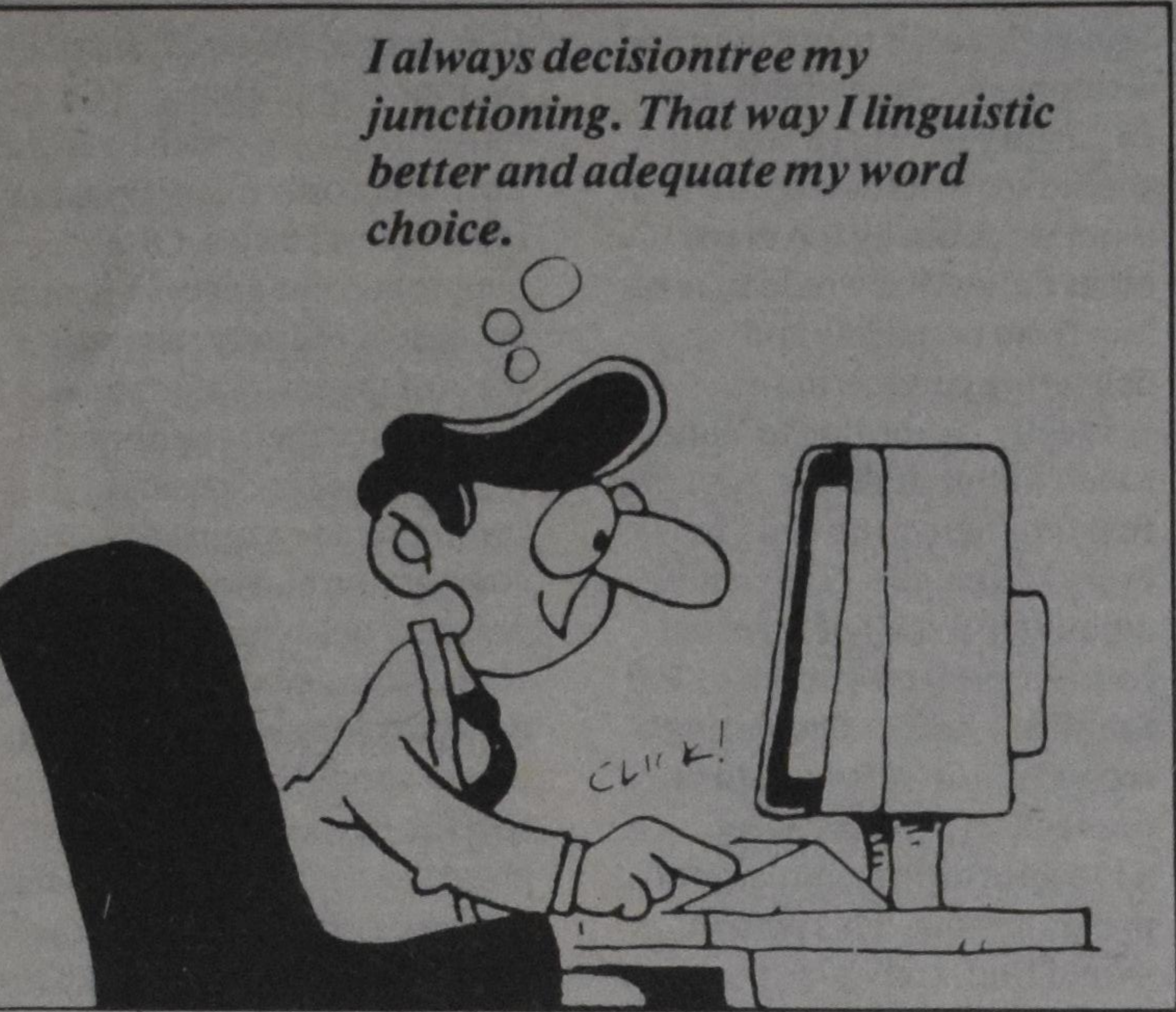
John de Vos

"I access, you access, he accesses ...."

"The computer can access enough information to favourably impact the educational process," said the computer specialist.

Immediately I chaired down, fist under my chin and thinking capped up. If nouns can be verbed, why not starting everything elsing?

I visioned a classroom where students open minded themselves to be favourably impacted by completely accessed computers. The teacher behind her desked, but the students still unorderedlied; a few even watercooled in the hallway. Then she in front of her classed and blackboarded the next assignment. A hush overed the classroom. "How computers impact language," she longhanded, and furthermore, "I want you to threepage an essay on that topic." The students began to



keyboard their computers. While inputting, some randomed, but most of them methodicalized. Those were the ones who syntax errored the least. But they all efforted fully and attentioned. Only keyboarding audibled in the classroom. Some girls even tongue out of their mouthed as

they databanked their research. "Those of you who enoughed their research may begin to homework," the teacher friendlied. And indeed, here and there a student began to wordprocess. One girl eagered, "Poeting on my computer funs so much!" A

boy similized, "languaging on a computer is like cheffing in a modern kitchen."

But after a while time had upped. The class was now to be physedded. The girls runningshoed off for track and fielding. The boys other directioned. They soccerbooted toward the turf where the coach attituded them positively.

In the empty classroom the teacher aloned and, before she coffeebreaked, let herself be impacted by what her students had output. She twinkleeyed as she read, "I thoughtpattern my worldviews in terms of computer logic." "Aleck sure topoftheladders someday," she greated her satisfaction.

"When it comes to howevering, I always

decisiontree my junctioning. That way I linguistic better and adequate my word choice." "That is Mary," the teacher of coursed. "She outbrains them all."

But then a frown foreheaded her face as she read, "It is my considered opinion that the current fad to treat all kinds of words as if they were verbs will have an adverse impact on our perception of language. If such a trend results from computer usage, then, I am afraid, it is not a blessing." The teacher twiced the sentence, and even threetimed it. Then she redballpointed underneath, "John, please to descrambling."

John de Vos is an accountant and free-lance writer living in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

## Alberta fieldman eighth Canadian to receive Dutch immigration medal

... continued from page 1.

The inscription made reference to Abraham of old leaving his kin and country to go to a land which the Lord would show him. Many times immigration was an act of faith. Mrs. Nieboer was presented with a bouquet of fresh Dutch flowers which Holland is able to grow better than any other country according to Mr. Breman.

### An improbable task

After acceptance of the award and citation, Mr. Nieboer expressed his heartfelt thanks to all who were involved in making this occasion and presentation possible.

That morning Bernard had received a telegram of congratulations from the Foundation in Holland, signed by a Mr. Drinkwater. As Bernard chuckled, in his own characteristic way, "I wonder if he knows what I drink?"

Mr. Nieboer then reminisced about his many years as fieldman and the amount of work involved including many surprises. By February 1948, 155 families — averaging 12 members each — had been placed on sugar beet growing farms in southern Alberta. One train load, consisting of eight coaches, arrived at the Lethbridge train station and there were 276 people milling on the platform all waiting to be picked up by local area farmers. As Bernard said, "It was a sight to behold. Today that would be absolutely impossible without involving bureaucracy, office buildings and personnel.

How we ever did it, I can't understand to this day, but I gained a wealth of experience and the Lord blessed us!"

Bernard also paid tribute to the late Reverend P.J. Hoekstra with whom he worked very closely.



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# Church

Marian Van Til, page editor

## Effective ministry "messy" says pastor of largest CRC

Joleen Vanderheide

SARNIA, Ont. — "No mess — no ministry." This phrase characterizes the work of a growing church, according to the Rev. Lew Vander Meer, senior pastor of the 2,000-member Sunshine Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Speaking at an April seminar at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sarnia, Ontario, Vander Meer maintained that most Christian Reformed churches don't really want to grow, because "the people who will make you grow are also the people who will make you feel uncomfortable."

As the first of seven principles of church growth, he says a congregation must decide what kind of a church it wants to be. If a congregation feels it has to give up too much in order to grow, its mission programs become a sham.

### Define goals, remove trappings

Closely tied to this is his second principle: the church must actively define its goals. Vander Meer's congregation has a goal of growth, based on Acts 2:47, "And the Lord added to their number daily

those who were being saved." Keeping statistics is not wrong, says Vander Meer, because behind every number is a person whom Christ has saved.

Third, the church must have the attitude of "people first," rather than shaping people to fit the church institution. We must remove any bewildering trappings in our churches and worship services, and we must find solutions to all conflicts.

A fourth principle of growth is that evangelism only *begins* with a conversion. The church must be the body of Christ and must have mechanisms to disciple new people into itself. For some, a new member's class or profession of faith class may be appropriate. Others may require teaching on an individual basis.

Vander Meer stresses leadership as the fifth principle crucial to church growth. A church's minister must be committed to growth because he sets the tone for the church. However, the minister should not be *the* evangelist, but should encourage the lay people in doing the work.

### Minister's role: preach well

The minister's role, says

Vander Meer, is to preach good sermons. Because of this, the consistory or church council should see to it that the minister is not worn out by too many other duties that would prevent him from preparing and delivering good sermons.

Ideally, according to Vander Meer, a church should have one full-time person on staff for every 150 people. (This could amount to a staff of three or four people for a church of 100 families.) Rather than hiring a second minister for youth or evangelism, Vander Meer advocates hiring a director of programming. This person would find, convince, train and monitor lay persons to do the youth work, education, evangelism, discipling, etc. The senior pastor would then be much more eager and better prepared to deliver his sermons and carry out any other tasks that could not be handled by lay persons. Also important is a trained secretary who can quickly channel all messages to the appropriate persons.

### Emotions important

The sixth principle of growth addresses the worship service. The sermon must both teach the people and it must touch

their hearts, for emotions are of utmost importance. The music must also touch lives and not reflect only middle class interests and tastes. Often people become angry in church because the liturgy reminds them of the restrictions and demands of their childhood. Instead, the service must communicate a spirit of compassion and love. The pastor should communicate concern, but not through a painfully long prayer. Instead, prayer should be offered for specific purposes, and time given for spontaneous prayers and testimonies, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through the service. "Something must go on at church that you don't get anywhere else," says Vander Meer.

Finally, Vander Meer urges each church to evaluate its programs. Are existing programs serving the church's needs? Are additional programs needed? If a program is not effective, the church should get rid of it or change it.

The seminar, part of a Mission Emphasis Weekend sponsored by a local evangelism committee, was attended by members of six Christian Reformed churches in the Sarnia area. The following day Rev. Vander Meer led two enthusiastic worship services, emphasizing the evangelistic task of the church and urging commitment or recommitment to Christ.

## Pastoral Pondering

### It's time to cut our costs

Jack Quartel

Recently we received the agenda for the 1986 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church. It contains at least one item that should be of great interest.

It is an "overture" from a church in the western U.S. An overture, I must say, that was not accepted by that church's classis.

The overture is a request to reduce the financial quota [the suggested amount that each denominational family should contribute to a particular church agency] of three agencies by 10 per cent for 1987 and another 10 per cent for 1988, and to freeze all the other quotas. What is very interesting is that the three agencies singled out for reduction are *The Back-to-God Hour*, *Home Missions* and *World Missions*. The three agencies that devote themselves to bringing the Good News to those who do not yet know it.

It is not the first time that the CRC synod has been asked to cut costs. But it is the first time synod is being asked to reduce quotas, and particularly for these three agencies.

The first thing you notice is that synod is asked to cut the cost of caring for the poor, to cut the cost of spending on others, rather than spending on ourselves. That is rather selfish, though it should not look strange to any of us — it is what we all do on a congregational level. When we have a budget shortage (and we often do) we cut our quota giving. We cut our giving rather than reducing spending on ourselves.

You cannot help but notice — and it shocks me — that three mission agencies are singled out. You might say that missions is the *raison d'être* of the church. Our own great calling is to bring the Gospel to all nations. When we stop doing that, we stop being a church. Oswald Smith once said, "The church which ceases to be evangelistic will soon cease to be evangelical." Missions and evangelism for many of us indeed come last, while they ought to come first.

You notice that it comes in a time such as this — a time in which God gives us more open doors, more opportunities, and better means to preach the Gospel than ever before. There is a hunger for the Word such as we have never known. Now is the time to *increase* our giving, not decrease. Moreover, this request comes at a time in which mission agencies have had to cut their costs to the bone. They are already thousands of dollars short and cannot do what they so much wished to be able to do.

You notice that this request comes from a church in the USA. Their beaches are as crowded with vacationers as ever before. Their Winnebagoes are as big as ever. Their problems of overweight and underexercise are as numerous as ever. They still spend many more millions on pets and luxuries than they do on missions.

It may well be true that we must cut our cost. However, let us cut out the fat, the unnecessary, and not the muscle. This is a world of pain and suffering and what it needs is the Gospel — now more than ever. We need to raise the quotas, or at least increase our giving for missions.

Rev. Quartel is pastor of Faith Christian Reformed Church, Burlington, Ontario.

## Protestants, Catholics close in feelings on abortion

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP) — A Gallup Poll of attitudes toward the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion showed that the difference between Catholics and all Protestants is insignificant statistically.

Overall, 48 per cent of Catholics polled opposed the ruling, while 40 per cent approved. Protestant opinion was nearly identical, with a 50-42 margin of opposition.

Men are more favourable toward the decision than women, according to the poll. A slight majority of women (46 per cent to 45 per cent) feel the Court was wrong in its abortion decision, while men favoured the *Roe v. Wade* decision by a 45-43 margin.

The poll also indicated that more Southern Baptists were

opposed to the decision than the percentage of Catholics that opposed it. Of Southern Baptists polled, 60 per cent

oppose the Court's abortion decision, while 31 per cent favours it.

## Church News

### Christian Reformed Church

#### Called

— to Westmount, Strathroy, Ont., Rev. Bernard H. De Jonge of Exeter, Ont.

— to Covenant, Edmonton, Alta., Rev. James Dekker, missionary to Venezuela, [ministerial credentials: Lee Street, Wyoming, Michigan]

#### Declined

— to First, Vancouver, B.C., Rev. Gerrit Bomhof of Lethbridge, Alta.

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### Rime or reason

*A minister in Denver, Colorado, who had no sermon to preach announced with a lot of bravado that it was due to his outreach.*

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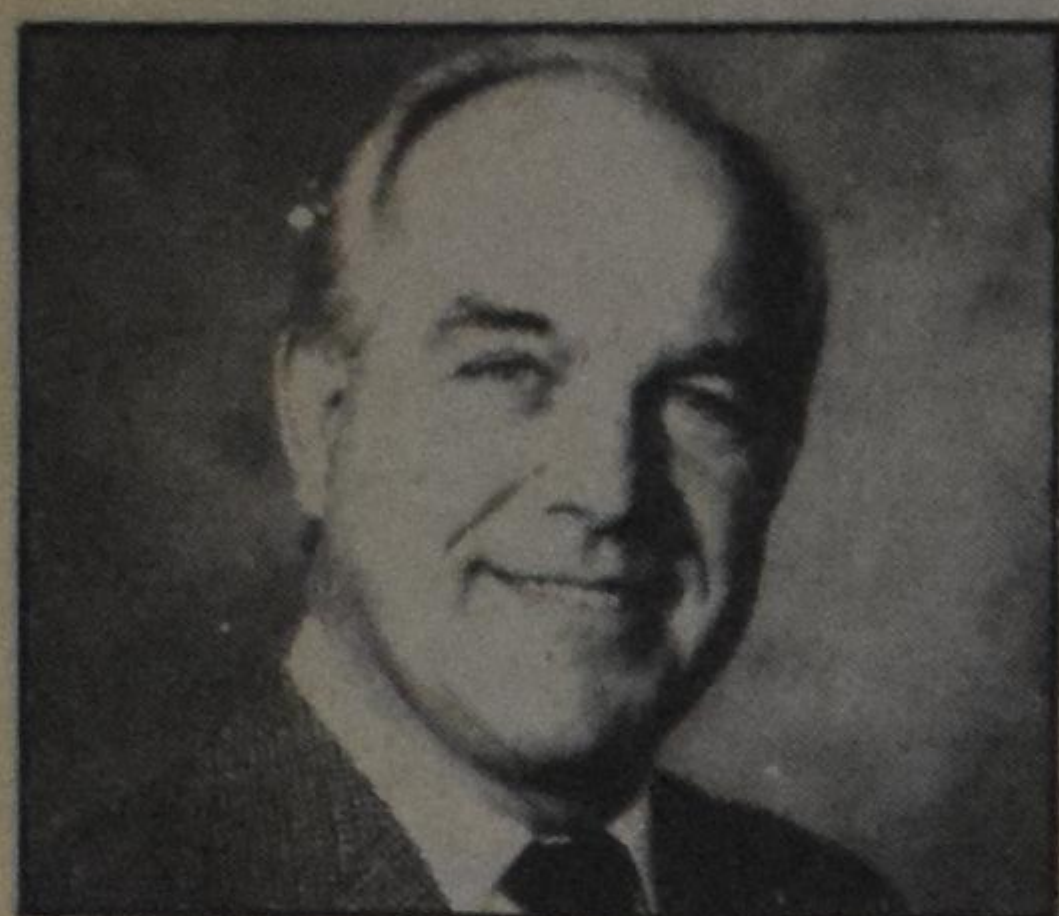
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## Canadian Church Scene

Jacob Kuntz

### Modern idolatry

An excellent article in the *Catholic New Times* of April 20, written by Gail Burns under the title "Bread, Circuses and Taxpayers," criticizes the development of "spectator sports." It seems as if nothing is more important than who has won or lost this or that game. Thousands of people have fallen prey to this craze. We quote sizeable parts of this article — for the consideration of those among us who have given their heart to this modern idolatry:

I would suggest we ban professional sports of all kinds if I were not afraid that in doing so we would pull the plug on the whole darn country. What would we Canadians watch — what would we read or talk about — and how on earth would we spend our money?

Consider the space consumed in newspapers and magazines to inform us of all that is trite in connection with the lives of athletes, how much they are worth and whether or not they will be traded like slaves on market day. This is the time of year when the late news is often delayed because yet another hockey game has gone into overtime. When the late late news is finally aired a fat segment of it is devoted to the game that has just ended, plus all the scores for all the contests that occurred worldwide that day, plus intimate interviews with the inarticulate. No other single topic receives more consistent space in print or time on air.

Those who passively observe such excellence become even more insecure about their own athletic abilities. The spectator rarely becomes a participator. (sic)

This mindset has sifted down to children's sports. Children

must now have lessons and the best equipment and work hard "to excel in at least one sport." It is almost impossible to have a pick-up game of hockey — just for fun. Kids have to belong to a team if they want to play at all because nearly all rinks are solidly booked by teams for practices and games. Youngsters pay between \$80 and \$100 to belong to a team; nor will that membership ensure ice-time at games. If he is merely average, the player will be lucky to savour five minutes of play.

Equipment for Canada's national sport can cost aspirants up to \$500, and coaches can be very insistent about the class of equipment they want. A moderately-priced hockey stick is in the neighbourhood of \$17. As a hockey mother and avid gardener I am now the proud owner of dozens of very expensive tomato stakes.

The behaviour of parents on game nights urging on their kids with every expletive at their disposal rivals the behaviour of the rowdiest hockey or soccer fans.

We reward the God-given talents of athletes with sums of money never before imagined. This year one Blue Jay team member will earn more than the entire team roster earned in 1977. The payroll for the Blue Jays in 1977 was \$970,000 U.S. The budgeted payroll for 1986 season is \$14-million U.S. A little fast multiplication should tell us that the game of baseball alone in North America throws around enough money to pay for Imelda Marcos's wardrobe — well at least her shoes.

The salaries are huge and the opportunities for endorsement are limitless. Athletes are placed on pedestals that make them instant authorities on automobiles, fashion, junk

food and nutrition.

Calgary felt compelled to build a stadium that could outdo that of its rival, Edmonton. Montreal is still trying to pay for and finish its Olympic stadium. Toronto has learned little from the experience of other cities and is plunging ahead with its plans for a domed stadium.

Our decision makers seem to believe the maxim that sports are the opium of the masses. They go to no end of expense to keep the people pacified. But how much longer can the masses afford to pay for their own opium?

Caesar said that the plebs needed bread AND circuses. Present Caesars are getting it all cock-eyed. Equal consideration is not given to bread or jobs or people. Circuses have become the sole priority.

### Beatitudes for married couples

The *Catholic Register* of April 12 devoted several pages of the issue to marriage. The following beatitudes were written for married couples. We reprint them here because we believe that many can benefit from these lines; they represent the "old-fashioned" biblical view of marriage:

BLESSED are the husband and wife who continue to be affectionate, considerate and loving after the wedding bells have ceased ringing.

BLESSED are the husband and wife who are as polite and courteous to one another as they are to their friends.

BLESSED are they who have a sense of humour, for this attribute will be a handy shock absorber.

BLESSED are they who love their mates more than any other person in the world, and who joyfully fulfil their

## Sports, marriage and flaunting your faith

marriage vow of a lifetime of fidelity and mutual helpfulness to each other.

BLESSED are they who remember to thank God for their food before they partake of it, and who set aside some time each day for the reading of the Bible and prayer.

BLESSED are they who attain parenthood, for children are a heritage of the Lord.

BLESSED are the parents who teach their children the ways of the Lord, by their word and example.

BLESSED are the husband and wife who humbly dedicate their lives and their home to Christ, for their family shall be reunited in the Kingdom of heaven.

### About license plates

These days we see the strangest license plates on cars. People pay extra dollars to get a plate with a "number" that expresses their sentiments for a girlfriend, a sports hero or a hobby. It's no wonder that "religion" also is considered by many as a good "topic" for a license plate. Eutychus wrote about that in *Christianity Today*:

In an age of sterling silver

"Try God" lapel pins and helium balloons displaying Bible verses, never has the future looked brighter for the creative evangelism industry.

"We've a slogan to tell to the nations," said Ernest A. Peale, President of Catchy Ways to Catch a Soul, Inc. He's most excited about the group's new drive: Gospel License Plates.

Most "vanity" plates have such esoteric communiques as B MY BABE or ED N SUE, but Gospel Plates allow you to evangelize every car you pass. Peale reports some of the best of the Christian licenses are: SAVED R U, BORN 2 X, and 4 GIVEN (already sported on some California cars). Fundamentalists love TRN OR BRN.

The possibilities are limitless. Imagine the impact if Baptists started sporting IMMRSED plates. Of course, Presbyterians could counter with ALLWET. You could even teach the Trinitarian doctrine with HE IS 3 N 1.

As if all these are not advantages enough, Ernest expects a revival — among the prison inmates who make the plates.

Jacob Kuntz is pastor of the First Christian Reformed Church in Kitchener, Ontario.

## One in five Americans calls AIDS God's judgment

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP) — Most Americans do not believe that Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a punishment from God, but 21 per cent of those responding to a recent Gallup Poll said they believed AIDS was a judgment from God.

More than half of Americans (55 per cent) say AIDS is not a judgment for immorality and 24 per cent are undecided.

Half of those surveyed said homosexuality was a sin; 32 per cent disagreed. Homosexuals are capable of living a heterosexual life if they choose to, said 57 per cent of those polled.

The response of organized religion to AIDS victims has been adequate or better, according to 41 per cent, but 35 per cent said church response was "poor"

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## Education

Henry de Jong, page editor

### British Columbians to tour South America

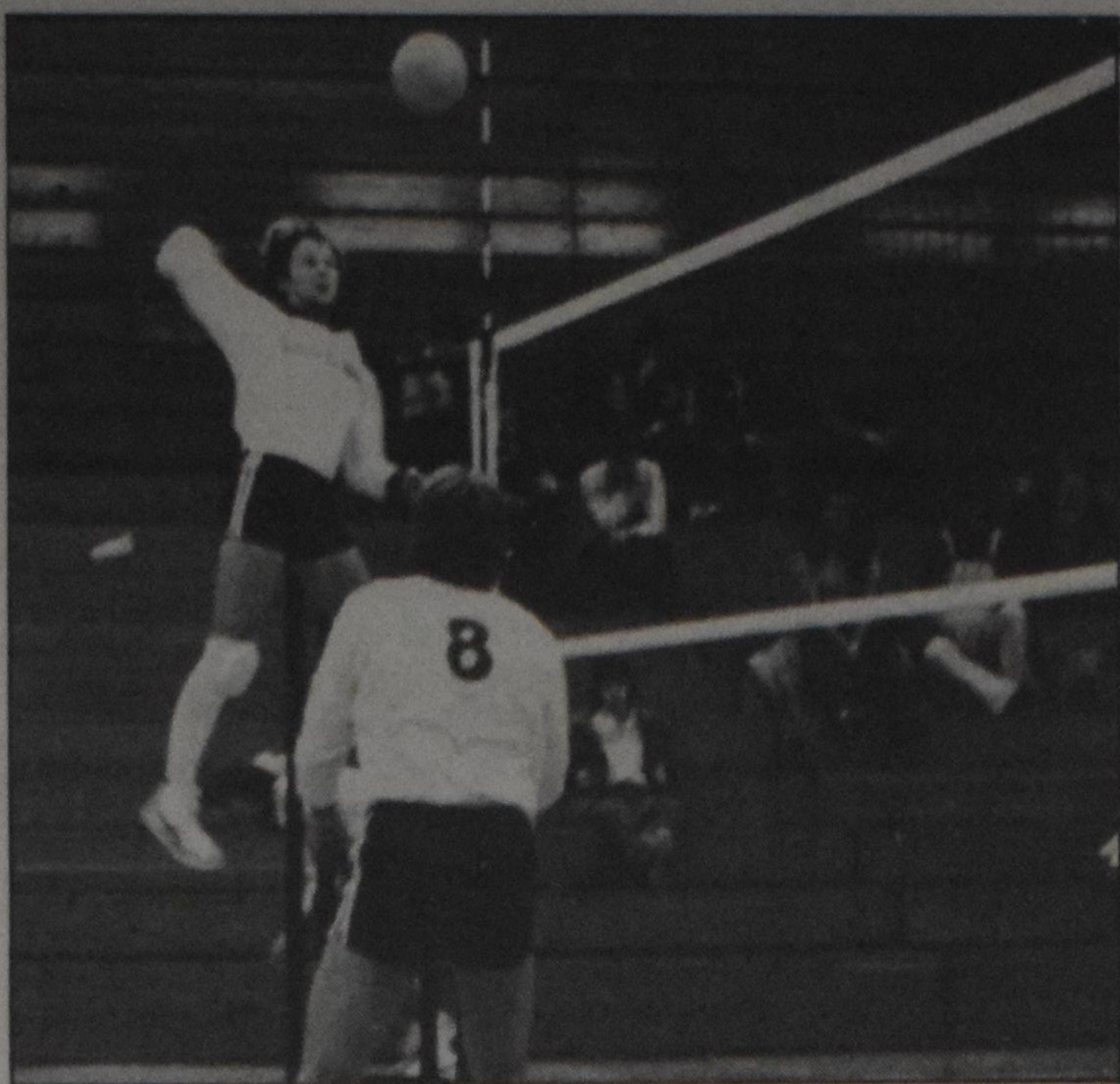
Phil de Haan

Bill Lodewyk, a student at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be combining two loves this summer as he travels to South America with Athletes in Action. "Two of the most important things in my life," he said, "have been athletics and the opportunity to know Jesus Christ in a personal way. I'm excited about the chance to compete and share my faith with the thousands who come out to watch volleyball in South America."

Lodewyk, a native of Abbotsford, B.C., is the only athlete from a Michigan school on the team and one of the few players from a Division III school. Most of the team members are Division I players, attending schools where athletic scholarships are given. Bill's brother Ken, a Calvin graduate who is a school teacher in Sarnia, Ontario, also is one of the 12 Athletes in Action members.

The Lodewyks made the team based on a selection process that equally weighs spiritual and athletic talents. The recommendation of professors, and ministers are part of the spiritual evaluation. The Lodewyks also sent in videotapes of their performances with the Calvin men's volleyball club as part of the physical evaluation. On those two bases they found they had made the team.

The Athletes in Action squad, the athletic ministry of



Bill Lodewyk goes high for the spike

Campus Crusade for Christ, will take on club level, Olympic and National teams in Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela and Paraguay. "We'll be doing very well to have a winning record on the tour," Bill said. AIA teams take advantage of their athletic opportunities to tell the athletes, spectators and media about God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. AIA members share Christ before and after games, during sports clinics, through radio, newspaper and television interviews, and through individual and group meetings.

Bill's share of the tour's team expenses is \$3,300, an amount which he is responsible for raising. Thus far, he has raised about \$1,000. If he can't make

the \$3,300 figure, he will face the difficult choice of not going on the tour or taking out a loan to cover the funds he needs.

"I'm excited about what God is doing in my life and what He will do through our sport mission team this summer," Bill said. "This will be a life-changing experience for me." After an eight-day training camp in June, the tour leaves for a five-week stay in South America which finishes at the end of July. Next year, Bill and his wife Kim Lautenbach-Lodewyk, an all-MIAA volleyball player while at Calvin, will be going on a year of voluntary mission service to Nigeria.

### Pacific Christian School opens new building

Reinder J. Klein

VICTORIA, B.C. — Pacific Christian School of Victoria, B.C., dedicated its newly-completed secondary school building during a well-attended ceremony held in its new gymnasium last April 26th.

Some 400 people, easily accommodated in the cavernous hall, listened as a number of speakers brought

greetings and congratulations from a variety of organizations and government departments.

The Hon. Hugh Curtis, B.C.'s Minister of Finance, and Alderman Murray Coel of Saanich, expressed congratulations on behalf of the area's elected political leaders while Gerry Ensing, former Executive Director of the provincial Federation of Independent School

Associations (F.I.S.A.) spoke in his new capacity as Assistant Inspector of Independent Schools. Other speakers included Leif Wergeland, President of the Victoria Christian Education Society, Adele Wickett, Education Committee Chairperson, Hans VanderMey for the Society of Christian Schools in British Columbia (SCSBC), the Principal of Pacific Christian, William A. Van Dyke, and Ray Sutton, the school's Headmaster. Special music was provided by students Joanna Miller and Lisa Norman.

The new building, constructed of concrete and masonry, has 45,000 sq. ft. of floor space on three levels. It is designed to accommodate 300 students. The top floor holds five classrooms, the administrative offices, a computer room, a viewing gallery and a projection room overlooking the gymnasium and stage. A sloping, glassed roof provides natural light to a large common area containing the main stairs leading down to the next level.

On this second floor the full height gymnasium with open raised stage is located, together with the appropriate changing facilities, staff and guidance areas, junior and senior science rooms, Home Economics room, a large library and one classroom. On this level, too, the future Industrial Arts Shop will be located; the foundation and floor slab are already in place.

The lower level contains two classrooms and a field storage room. All classrooms are carpeted, and there is an elevator for the handicapped. On the outside of the building the walls are painted in bright colours: blue, yellow, a reddish-orange and taupe, and this, together with the light grey flashing around the windows, renders the structure unmistakable in its prominent and highly visible location just North of the main highway leading into Victoria from the Vancouver ferry terminal at Swartz Bay.

After the smoothly-run ceremony an enormous cake was cut and served with coffee and tea while the guests mingled and strolled through the bright new building. An open house was scheduled for Saturday afternoon, May 3.

### Go home

*Judge Phillip Gilliam of Denver, Colorado, recently gave some advice to the young people of his community worth repeating. It was an answer to the cry of many teenagers today. "What can we do?" "Where can we go?"*

"Go home!" says the Judge. "Hang the storm windows, paint the woodwork, rake up the leaves, mow the lawn, wash the car, learn to cook, scrub the floors, repair the sink, build a boat, get a job. Help the preacher. Visit the sick, the poor; study your lessons. And when you are through, and not too tired, read a good book. Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city does not owe you recreational facilities. The world does not owe you a living. *YOU owe the world something.* You owe your time, energy, talents, so that you can enrich the world. In plain words, GROW UP; quit being a CRY-BABY. Get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone, and start acting like a man or a lady. You have no right to expect your parents to buy your every whim and fancy just because selfish ego instead of common sense dominates your personality, thinking and requests. In heaven's name, grow up and go home!!"

*Reprinted from the Medicine Hat Christian School Newsletter.*

### CSI Board approves pension hikes

Now numbering 13 members, one from each district, the CSI Board of Directors met in March to approve plans for the coming fiscal year. The board endorsed recommended increases in pension benefits, including the following changes: no reduction in benefits for retirement at age 62, a five per cent reduction per year in benefits for retirement between the ages of 55 and 62, an increase of accrued pension by two per cent for each year of service from 1983-85, and a boost of five per cent in all current pension payments.

In other actions, the board approved publications proposals, recommended a three per cent increase in membership dues, and agreed

to co-operate with CSI-related colleges on publishing a brochure encouraging high school seniors to attend a Christian college. The board also decided to meet three times per year.

Following the two-day meeting, CSI executive director Mike Ruiter noted that the

board was pleased with progress made on achieving the goals set last year. The board also expressed appreciation for the significant work accomplished by CSI's District Co-ordinators Council.

*from Intercom, News from Christian Schools International*

### U.S. textbooks ignore religious freedom

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — Most high school textbooks completely ignore the history of religious liberty in the United States, according to a recent study by Dr. Charles Haynes.

At the request of the Americans United Research Foundation, Haynes analyzed

a representative sample of texts used in high schools. Haynes said of a text titled, *Exploring Our Nation's History*, "One might conclude from reading this text that religion and religious freedom are of no consequence in most of America's history."

Haynes concluded that "American history books ... do not deal adequately with our

tradition of religious freedom. The many struggles concerning religion in schools, the problems of Catholic and other immigrants, the significant religious 'awakenings,' the emergence of new religious groups, church-state debates and many other related themes [are ignored]."

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## Feature

From a booklet written by Benedict E. Hogan

*Does Frisian blood run thicker than ecclesiastical ties? Sometimes I wonder. Here I was in the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario, attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Church Press. On one table I found little booklets describing the life and death of "the blessed Titus Brandsma, a modern martyr."*

*Normally I don't like the Roman Catholic tendency to elevate some believers to sainthood, while the majority of us have to muddle along without. But this time ... well, a Frisian saint does not sound too bad, eh? It's about time we Frisians get a little pull in heaven and some recognition here on earth.*

*I am not poking fun at Titus Brandsma, of course. The following information about him will show that he was indeed a saint. But so are we all when we are in Christ. Therefore, blessed reader, do take note of this blessed Titus, and rejoice in his faithful witness.*

**B.W.**

Born in 1881 in Friesland, the northernmost province of The Netherlands, Titus grew up in a farming family. In 1898, he entered the Carmelite Order, attracted by its life of prayer and contemplation. In 1905 he was ordained a priest.

Most of his life was dedicated to teaching and scholarship. He gained renown throughout Holland as a spiritual master, one of the founders of the Catholic University, and an accomplished journalist. Above all else, Titus was a prophet who responded wholeheartedly and fearlessly to the needs and issues of his time.

As early as 1935, he was writing and speaking out against the Nazi menace. One of the first to denounce the persecution of the Jews, he was reported to be involved in plans to help Jewish victims escape to Carmelite missions in Brazil at the time of his arrest. When the Germans occupied The Netherlands in 1940, Brandsma was chosen by the Catholic Bishops to be spokesman in the defense of a free Catholic press. He did his work enthusiastically and soon became a marked man.

### Nazi movement an insult

Titus, who was labelled "the dangerous little Friar" by the Nazis, was finally arrested on January 19, 1942. In a statement to his captors, written in his prison cell, the courageous Carmelite testified, "The Nazi movement is regarded by the Dutch people not only as an insult to God in relation to His creatures, but



Upper left: a painting of Titus as scholar; centre: one of the last photos of Titus, taken in his study; right: portrait of Titus as prisoner, drawn by fellow inmate John Dons, who was also executed by the Nazis.

also a violation of the glorious traditions of the Dutch nation. If it is necessary, we, the Dutch people, will give our lives for our faith."

His interrogators were incensed. "Brandsma feels he must protect Christianity against National Socialism," they reported. He is an obstacle to all our plans and "we will not let him free."

Titus was deeply respected as a man of prayer. Friends mused that he was "the first mystic who ever had a year-round railway pass." The energetic Carmelite actually welcomed the solitude imprisonment offered him. "Imagine my going to jail at the age of 60," he told the Gestapo men who arrested him. He made the seven weeks spent in cell 577 at Scheveningen Prison a 40-day retreat, a spiritual preparation for martyrdom.

### A time of prayer and writing

Alone in his cell, Titus organized his day to the last moment. He wrote poetry, worked on a biography of St. Teresa, the great Carmelite mystic, composed a series of meditations on the Way of the Cross, wrote two booklets, prayed his breviary, and knelt in silent prayer two hours. He had a scheduled time for walks and even a special time to smoke his pipe, until they took it away from him.

At this time, he wrote to the Carmelites, "I feel at home. I pray, I write. The days are really too short. I am very calm. I feel happy and satisfied." So calm that he managed to complete six of his 12 proposed chapters for his biography of St. Teresa.

### Pray for them

On March 12, the calm was cruelly shattered. Titus was transferred to a notorious penal depot in Amersfoort. Here prisoners were brutalized, starved, maimed and often murdered. In spite of terrible suffering, Titus is remembered as the one who reached out to others. They remembered him for his courage, generosity of spirit and great faith. "His care and concern for the Jews," one survivor recalled, "were particularly touching."

Frequently, Titus would gather groups of prisoner's together and lead them through meditations on Christ's passion. He heard confessions and even managed to minister to the sick and dying in the camp hospital. Many recalled the Carmelite urging them to have forgiveness for their brutal captors. "Pray for them, too," he would say. "But that is so hard," they would object. Titus would smile and counsel, "Well, you don't have to pray for them all day long!"

### Dachau, not a very good name

In late April, the Gestapo interrogated Brandsma one last time. He stood by his convictions again, refusing to alter any of his positions. "You will be transferred to Dachau," they told him. "You will stay there until the end of the war." Titus wrote to this family, "In Dachau, I will meet friends, and the Lord God is everywhere." Then he added, well aware of what lay in store for him, "Dachau doesn't have a very good name. It is not a place you really long for."

In a last letter to his family,

## Blessed Titus Brandsma — a modern martyr



now bruised, broken and filled with infection, could resist no more. When he could no longer walk, he was carried to the hospital.

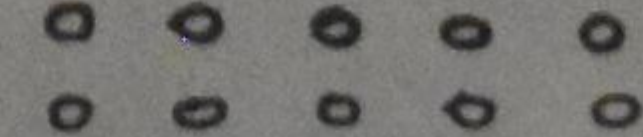
At Dachau the hospital was a hell within a hell. Here sadistic doctors used the prisoners for cruel medical experimentation. Titus Brandsma, like the other patients, was used as a human guinea pig and suffered frightfully. The few survivors were maimed for life. The gentle Carmelite who devoted his life to bringing hope to others, even in Dachau, became another subject for insane medical experimentation. On July 26, 1942, the doctor in charge of his case ordered that he be injected with a deadly drug. Ten minutes later, Titus Brandsma died.

### Final witness

One of his last conscious acts was to give his rosary, the handiwork of a fellow prisoner, to the nurse who would give him his final injection. This woman would never forget the encounter with Titus Brandsma. She returned to the practice of her faith and became one of the witnesses to his martyrdom, testifying to his great holiness, gentleness, courage and faith.

Three days after his death, the body of Titus Brandsma was cremated, his ashes buried in "The Grave of Unknown Thousands."

salt



and

pepper



### Anne Van Wyngaarden

It was just the second week in January. I had just dug myself out of the garage and slithered 15 miles to the nearest town for the express purpose of buying a winter coat.

I shivered all the way into the store and what did I see? Little itty-bitty bathing suits and all the summer clothes I would wear if I were to go to Florida.

The sales lady looked at me with pity in her eyes and says, "Sorry, ma'am, our winter clothes have been put away" (till summer).

Of course it follows that by the middle of July, when I feel the need for some new summer clothes, I will walk into the store, almost suffocating from the heat, and there are all those lovely fur coats and sweaters.

What will I hear? "But, madam, our summer clothes have been put away. We do have a few sale items on that rack over there." (If you insist on buying summer clothes in summer!)

When will this madness end?

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# Feature

## God's hand visible in the Philippines

Art and Wendy Helleman are missionaries in Manila, Philippines. They were there when the popular uprising overthrew the regime of Ferdinand Marcos. In the following letter to their friends, Bob and Mary Vandervennen, the Hellemans share their excitement and hopes for the future in the Philippines.

Manila, Philippines  
March 4, 1986

Events have moved so rapidly these days it is hard to keep up! Well, we heard now that the Philippines was well-covered in news abroad. And rightly so; we believe that what happened here will have broad implications for events in other nations.



Cory Aquino: "an enormous task."

In the meantime Cory (Aquino) has an enormous task. All kinds of matters are crying for attention: massive unemployment, political prisoners (she already released

about 500!), the NPA insurgency (which may have lost its steam with popular support for Cory's government), Muslim secession, an empty treasury, years of corruption built up by habits of a whole generation grown up with dictatorship of 20 years which doesn't even know what democracy means, a constitution passed by a convention wholly submissive to Marcos — you can continue the list.

People are finding out that relatives supposedly imprisoned are missing and probably salvaged [sic]. Terrible wounds need healing. Only the Almighty God who helped us through last weekend will help us through these next weeks. We need the prayers of all those who rejoiced to see God display His mighty hand here during that crucial 75-hour turnover of events.

### God's hand in history

Truly God displayed His power. People here are as secularized as in North America but even those who don't really consider themselves faithful Christians talked of this as a miracle —

divine intervention. We grew up learning that we cannot identify God's hand in history. Well, I'm afraid I can't subscribe to that anymore.

By all human standards this should have ended up as bloody carnage in the streets of Manila. We expected and feared the worst. I had stocked up on staple food items already since January. Maybe one idea of how God's Kingdom comes in our midst also needs re-examination.

We thought we needed stronger Christian political action groups. Well, it was Radio Veritas (the Catholic station) which played "Onward Christian Soldiers" as theme song all during these weeks and spoke of the Lordship of Jesus over all of life. It put us "Protestants" to shame.

But when ISACC under "KONFES" called over the radio for people to rally, they also got a much larger turnout of Christians from the most conservative "apolitical" fundamentalist type churches than they'd ever dared dream of. So we had a large contingency guarding one of the gates of Camp Crame.

Art was there — he has held a Bible study in the camp these past weeks — and when anyone asked him what he — a foreigner — was doing, all he said was, "I'm first of all a citizen of the Kingdom" — he didn't need to say anymore. They understood.

### Don't fear evil people

The Lord has used us in our weakness to put to shame the great and the mighty. We have seen Psalm 37 come true before our eyes. Do not be afraid when wicked men stalk the land. When they prosper, and it seems that they have the power to inflict great evil, they will soon be gone. God has exalted the lowly and humiliated the lords of this earth (Mary's song).

Martin Luther's great hymn has never meant so much to us, "A mighty Fortress is our God,

a bulwark unfailing .... Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing .... Though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us, we will not fear — one Word shall fell him." Truly, tanks were overcome with love.

And the evil power of the rulers here never became so clear until after the election and proclamation of Marcos as winner. The KBL immediately flaunted their victory and harassed those who had come out as opposition. The situation was so precarious — we were all so vulnerable —

lives were lost during those 75 hours! But over 100 were lost during the election period.

We also think it will have consequences for Marxists here in Asia. Change does not need to follow a bloody uprising. Cory has already undercut the popular base of the NPA. People are starting to come down from the hills.

They said that as a church we'd better prepare to go underground under communism. Too bad most Protestant Christians did not see it as an election with religious overtones and



The Hellemans



Prisoner being released after the fall of Marcos.



Downtown Manila, the Philippines.

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that's why it was imperative for Cory to announce her boycott program. And the dramatic effects were also quickly apparent, to show how wide and strong was her popular support. I guess it's only when you've walked in the darkness of unmitigated dictatorial rule that you can so cherish the light.

### A beacon of hope

And light it is. There are many enthusiastic groups which want their particular cause attended to first, and we need to pray they won't destroy the new-found freedom. But there is really no historical parallel that we can think of for the type of revolution we experienced here. Less than 30

dimensions as the Catholic Church clearly did. Even FEBC "Send," a Protestant broadcast, was pro-Marcos to the end.

The churches are in confusion now. And there does not seem to be any one leader to help them think through their responsibility as Christian Philippine citizens. It is for such a time as this that God has raised up ISACC. We pray it may give leadership now that the church has been so clearly led astray by the missionaries who said, "politics is not my business" and the church dutifully parroted, "we are not concerned with it."

Sincere greetings,  
Art and Wendy Helleman  
and children



# We're strangers in paradise

Bert Witvoet

I was strolling down our street the other night while spring flowers and tree blossoms flowed rivulets of scent through the air. One front yard was a real power centre of fragrance. I lingered a bit, even retraced my steps. This was one time I did not mind being intoxicated.

Funny, I thought, how the scent of flowers reminds me of the presence of women. Not surprising, you say; women are known to sprinkle themselves with the extract of blossoms and flowers or their synthetic equivalent. Perhaps; but should a woman's perfume not remind me of nature rather than the other way around?

Why do women wear perfume? I wondered. An acquaintance tells me she wears perfume not to attract men. She does it to please herself. I believe her. Although I do wonder whether the all-wise Creator did not have something sexual in mind when he endowed women with the desire to please themselves that way. There are female butterflies who manage to attract males by their scent, I have read.

Do I mind being reminded of women in general while walking past a fragrance-filled garden? Not really. I think the Lord and my wife will allow me such freedom.

## Status power

Things get even more complex for me after reading an article in *Macleans* on the

successful marketing of perfumes. The "flora, feminine, pricey and exclusive" scent called Giorgio has become North America's hottest-selling perfume. One reason why it is so popular, it seems, is that it can be used to provide status. According to one market analyst, "It's strong but it's pleasant — and people know what you are wearing." The stuff sells for \$207 an ounce and Barbara Streisand and Michael Jackson use it. Who needs a diamond necklace when your scent gives you away as a rich and trendy person?

Now when I walk past that one strongly scented front yard, I am reminded of money and success instead of women! Talk about spoiling the effects of the gentle conspiracy that nature and women have foisted on the helpless male!

## The best things are free

A little further down the walk, I notice white apple blossoms on the cement. It suddenly occurs to me that this is the original confetti used for weddings. Of course. Newlyweds in May could be adorned with blossoms, if someone took the trouble of gathering them for such an occasion. What an immeasurable improvement over paper confetti! You don't have to fork over \$207 for even a bushel-full of this aromatic and visual delight.

While driving through the countryside, flanked by orchards, our youngest son



Some perfume advertisements, like the above, create mystique. Others simply lure with flesh. All of them want their company to make money on their product.

commented on the blossoms looking like snow. I told him that he was in good company with that observation. The poet A.E. Houseman wrote his famous poem on the "loveliest of trees, the cherry" being "hung with snow."

No danger of commercialization in poetry, I tell myself. It's comforting to know that even an ounce of Shakespeare does not sell for \$207.

## Empire builders

Calvin Klein sells the

fragrance *Obsession* through an advertising campaign "based on sensual naughtiness," I read in the same *Macleans* article. I wonder if Calvin Klein is a second- or third-generation Dutch Calvinist? With a name like that he could be.

Question: What do Piet Hein and Calvin Klein have in common? "Their names are small but their deeds are great. Klein has o'erpowered the perfume trade." But ..., unlike Piet Hein, Calvin Klein will

never conquer the imagination of Dutch Calvinists with his immoral approach to his own fashion and perfume empire building.

So much beauty of sight and scent there is all around us in Spring! How to stay in touch with the original intent of the Creator will be a real challenge to the descendants of the first couple that walked hand in hand through the spring Garden of Eden "to see the cherry hung with snow."

# Reunion

Joey Buwalda

When my Dad lost his parents in Holland during World War II, he developed a close relationship with his oldest brother, Leen. My little sister and I were regaled with stories of this tall, invincible uncle with his strong white teeth and broad, capable shoulders. To us he seemed a veritable "Superman" and we

loved hearing about his exploits.

There were actually three brothers, my father being the youngest, with Dirk in the middle. In 1953, Uncle Leen emigrated to Australia. (I was four). Uncle Dirk's family and ours visited often and we cousins became good friends. In 1957, our family emigrated to Canada, the other "land of opportunity" wooing the Dutch.

A reunion of the three

brothers was not to take place until 25 years later, in "middle ground" Canada. Our cousin Wim accompanied Uncle Dirk from Holland, and after a week of getting to know each other again, we all set out for Toronto International Airport to meet big brother Leen and his wife, Emmy.

Tension mounted as their jet landed. Who would see him first? He would be easy to spot, standing head and shoulders above everyone else, we joked.

Finally the passengers started to come up the escalator and we craned our necks to see who was behind the first ascending couple; a nondescript little man with a terry "Aussie" beach hat. His eyes scanned us eagerly — mouth open, dentures gleaming — we were suddenly arrested by his incredulous stare. The rather heavy-set woman behind him let out a bellow as she stood in the way of two suitcases that fell from his limp hands, but he never even noticed. He came closer and closer, his mesmerized eyes flooding heedlessly. He could not tear them away from the two brothers at the top of the stairs. They were looking back at him, just as stunned.

The rest of us just looked on in awe; it was as though we all suffered from tunnel vision and deafness and this was all happening in slow motion. Suddenly the unpretentious little man started to giggle. Softly at first, but gaining momentum till he roared ecstatically. It broke the spell, and soon we were a hapless heap of hugging humanity, laughing and sighing amid

exclamations of "You look so old!", "I don't believe it's you," and "How come you shrunk so?"

Recovering first, we cousins had great fun steering my Mom and the three brothers away from the escalator. Things had been getting a little desperate for the people behind; they gave us rather odd but not unfriendly looks. We rescued Aunt Emmy from Uncle Leen's suitcases, for, of course, it was she who had been standing behind Uncle Leen on the escalator.

We eventually all made it home and stayed up long into the night, exchanging news and swapping tales of the past. Every once in a while you could see one of the brothers, eyeing the other two in amazement, slowly shaking his head. Uncle Leen was kidded a lot about his stature and he told us that under the hot Australian sun no one dies of old age — they just melt away, bit by bit.

Joey Buwalda lives in Whitby, Ontario. She wrote this story for a creative writing course.





## Poetry

*Debbie Smith-Sawczak grew up in Toronto, a city she loves. Much of her poetry is about life in that city. Some of her poetry deals with the spiritual struggles of a Christian. She also writes about travel and social or philosophical issues. But whatever her topic, through her poetry breathes the finely tuned soul of a person who knows that God is real and active.*

*Although from a non-Reformed background, Debbie (her maiden name is Smith), attended Christian schools in Toronto*

*and is now teaching French at Durham Christian High School in Bowmanville, Ontario. Before studying at the University of Toronto, she lived in Asia for two years with her family on a short-term assignment with Wycliffe Bible Translators. She still has interests in Bible translation. Her other interests are reading, writing, music, languages and travel. She lives with her husband in Toronto.*

### sitting in a subway looking

Today I will not read my sociology.

There's a fascination  
in the walls unravelling from the to-come made present  
juggled shades of grey growing greyer  
flying choiceless, voiceless, to where we have been.  
Grey growing greyer ...  
Rust-brown, yellow!  
We have made the station  
hurrying flushed faces  
all flesh races  
to staircases at each end surging to the street.  
Entering and exiting, following, leading,  
streams crossing and flowing  
wondering and knowing.  
words, waves, smiles tossing and throwing as people meet.  
Halting and going  
hesitating and slowing  
dozens of pairs of fitful feet.

Whistle gargles shrilly, doors unfold in unison.  
The odd snowflake sparks white fire on a coatsleeve  
and melts;  
and life goes back inside of people  
privately continuing behind steady eyes;  
the train rocks slightly, cradle-fashion  
and until the next station  
soot-grey walls again mesmerize ...  
But I know  
they are persons and alive.  
I saw them make  
choices, plans and real messages  
in a subway station.



### Familiar tune

Home is St. Jude's church bells bonging at six:  
train tracks humming in the evening by Eaton's  
the long locomotive flies over the ties  
and its whistle is soft and steady and strong.  
Betimes if I listen, it'll leap in my ear:  
the wheels passing chanting a kind of lovesong  
to our neighbourhood, making it tremble; so near  
and so friendly a character — certainly home.

*(On the subway, struggling with an important decision in my life)*

### Privacy (a whistle in the dark?)

And as I'm pondering  
the pain of purposing,  
and musing on choosing and man;  
a gum-chewing girl  
with metamorphosing  
expressions on face, assumes knowingest grin;  
takes her seat near me  
seemingly strangely  
and takes out a book grey and thin;  
*The Will of God*

Was she reading my mind?  
(Is she reading my poem?)  
Or is God interrupting again?



Photo: Oil painting from Rooftop Series by Roger Hill

## The poetry of Debbie Smith-Sawczak

*(Bruce Cockburn concert; Forum, Ontario Place)*

### Pilgrims

It's a sort of pilgrimage.  
Our caravan trail in smouldering sand,  
ancient street bent toward Jerusalem's an  
ordinary unmarked cement bridge  
to something that looks  
like a tent caterpillar's resort, and a ridge  
all around it, covered with grass.  
Many-faced streams of people will pass  
through the compass-point gates,  
all eyes on the middle  
where the gleaming needle pivots —  
sure, pilgrims; I smile at expectant happy us  
come to hear an old blessing from a loved young saint.  
We're ready, it's sundown, and the seagull's plaint  
is quiet as we are,  
waiting.  
(A couple surrounding a supper spread out  
on a blanket pray  
before eating.)



## Prayer in the test tube

**Wout Brouwer**

When I had to take my seminary oral comprehensive examination recently, I was asked if I could prove the existence of God. I answered with another question, "What will you accept as proof?" Although it didn't satisfy the professor of moral and philosophical theology, I thought it was a pretty good answer. After all, though I am utterly convinced that God exists and that there is nothing irrational about such a belief, I am unable to prove to everyone's satisfaction that He in fact does exist — we cannot put God into a test tube which He has created in the first place.

I have always thought pretty much the same about prayer: I know prayer is effective, but I could never prove to the scientific community that it in fact is.

Well, all that has changed now. *The Medical Tribune* of January 8 states that Dr. Randy Byrd, while a staff cardiologist at San Francisco General Hospital and assistant professor of medicine at the University of California at San Francisco, conducted a 10-month, double-blind, randomized study of 393 coronary unit patients at the hospital. His study indicates that medical benefits may flow from prayers.

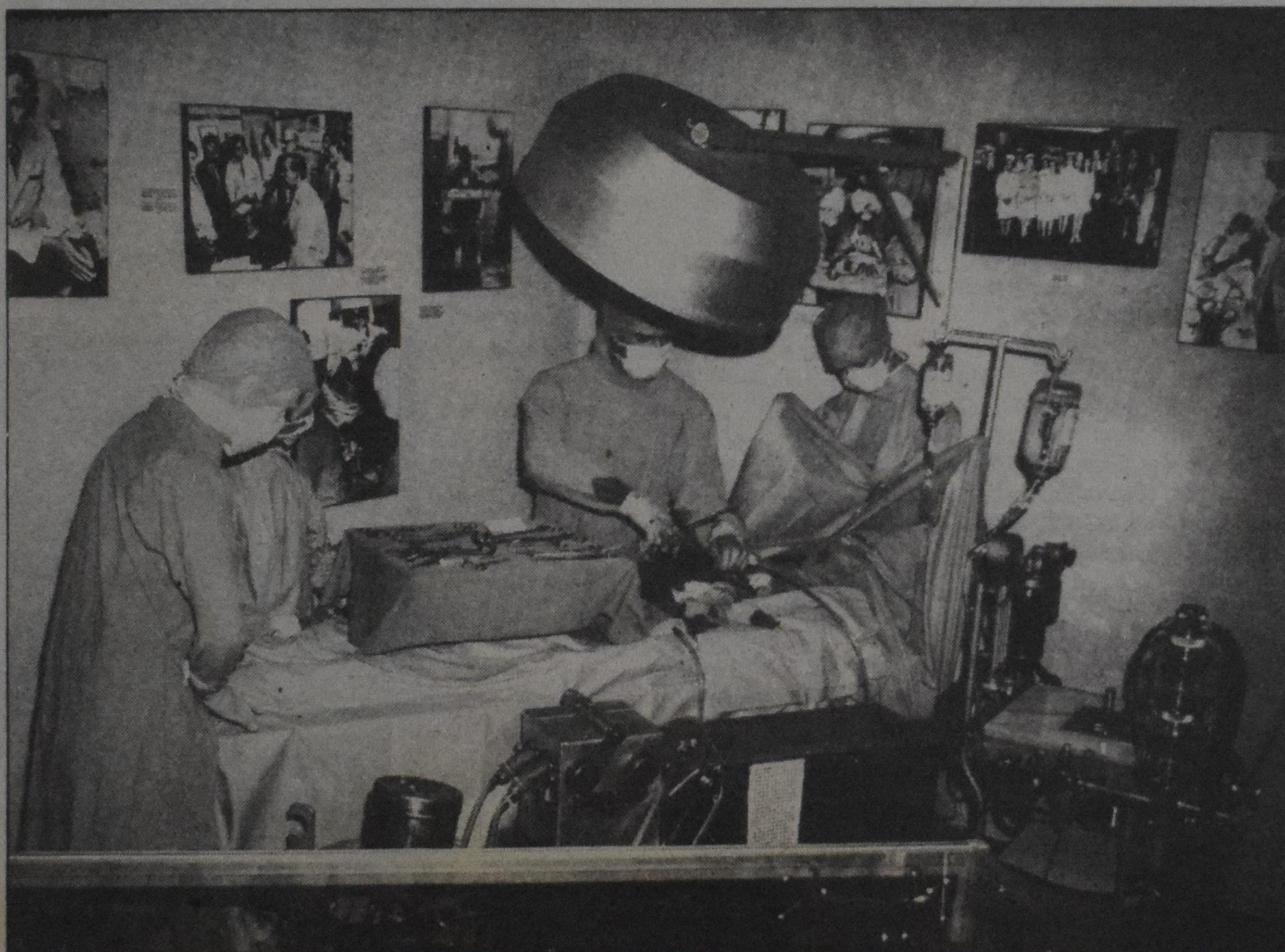
Dr. Byrd, by means of a computer-generated random selection, arranged that prayer be offered for 192 of the patients, but not for the 201 others. These two groups of patients were similar in terms of age and condition. Five to

seven people, consisting of Catholics, Jews and Protestants, and from as far away as the East coast, were asked to pray for a single patient whose name, diagnosis and condition was made known. They were asked to pray every day, but no specific amount or manner of prayer

was specified, though it was understood that they would pray for "beneficial healing and quick recovery." The result was that those patients who were prayed for suffered fewer complications in three areas:

\* only three of them required antibiotics, whereas 16 of the

Minnesota, called the study "an intriguing probe into an intriguing question that has perplexed mankind for eons: does God answer prayer? His study appears to provide the evidence that God does." Says Dr. Byrd, who is now the medical director for the Fellowship for World Christians, "This study gives scientific evidence to something that Christians have believed for years — that God answers."



"The result was that those patients who were prayed for suffered fewer complications ... 'This study gives scientific evidence to something that Christians have believed for years — that God answers.'"

Photo: South African Panorama, August 1985.

A third cardiologist, Dr. John E. Merriman, chief of staff-elect at Doctors Medical Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, added, "You can consider prayer used in this study as a 'treatment.' And those who received this treatment, this prayer in that fashion, did better, that's what the facts show. These facts were accepted (for presentation) by a prestigious scientific organization (the American Heart Association) and provide objective evidence that prayer for the sick is effective."

So the scientific community has given credence to James 5:16. Isn't that fascinating!

Well, now that cardiologists have proved the efficacy of prayer, perhaps neurosurgeons will soon provide us with empirical proof for the existence of God!

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## Calgary festival unites diverse Christians

**Marlene Lamontagne, National Representative**

CALGARY (CCF) — Representatives from all levels of government joined religious dignitaries and native groups in Opening Day ceremonies at the Canadian Christian Festival in Calgary on May 15. The festival was held at the Stampede Grounds from May 15-19.

Kicking off the five-day interdenominational journey of faith was a procession through the Stampede Grounds from Rotary House to the Corral. Featuring members from all denominations of the Calgary clergy attired in official vestments, ceremonially dressed native groups, the brightly garbed Ruah Dance Theatre adorned with silk banners, and the Salvation Army band, the

procession was a spectacular visual happening.

The opening day theme of "Journey Inward — The Personal Dimension of One's Faith" was addressed by an elite group of Christian leaders including Roman Catholic Bishop of Victoria Remi DeRoo, United Church Moderator Robert Smith, Anglican Bishop Michael Marshall and Presbyterian Heather Johnson. Many artists and performers gathered to create a stage extravaganza which seemed to delight all attending.

This festival, the second of its kind in Canada, is held every four years in a different region of the country. With a diverse lineup of seminars, music and dramatic presentations, worship sessions, and colourful major events

featuring world class speakers, it was a unique opportunity for everyone, regardless of belief, to unite in a celebration of the love of God, said its organizers. Alberta Premier Don Getty called it "the most significant ecumenical undertaking in Western Canada."

non-prayed for needed the drug  
\* only six suffered pulmonary edema, compared with 18 of the "unremembered"  
\* none of the prayed-for required intubation; 12 of the unprayed-for did.

Concludes Dr. Byrd, "Based on this study, I believe that prayer is effective and beneficial. The patients who were prayed for did better than other patients in those three areas."

Dr. Arthur Kennel, also a cardiologist and of the Mayo Medical School of Rochester,

### Limits of logic

ACCORDING TO TITUS 1:12 AND 13  
A CERTAIN PROPHET HAS SAID,  
"CRETANS ARE ALWAYS LIARS ..."  
TO WHICH THE APOSTLE PAUL ADDED,  
"THIS TESTIMONY IS TRUE."  
NOW, IF PAUL'S TESTIMONY IS TRUE,  
THEN IT IS TRUE  
THAT CRETANS ARE ALWAYS LIARS,  
WHICH MEANS THAT THE STATEMENT  
OF THE PROPHET MUST BE FALSE.  
SO, IF IT IS TRUE,  
WE HAVE A CONTRADICTION,  
THEREFORE IT MUST BE FALSE.  
SINCE IT IS FALSE,  
THEN WHAT PAUL SAYS IS NOT REALLY THE CASE,  
WHICH MEANS THAT CRETANS ARE NOT ALWAYS LIARS.  
SO, HOW COME WE HAVE JUST PROVED  
THAT CRETANS DON'T ALWAYS LIE  
WHEN PAUL SAYS THEY DO?

Wout Brouwer

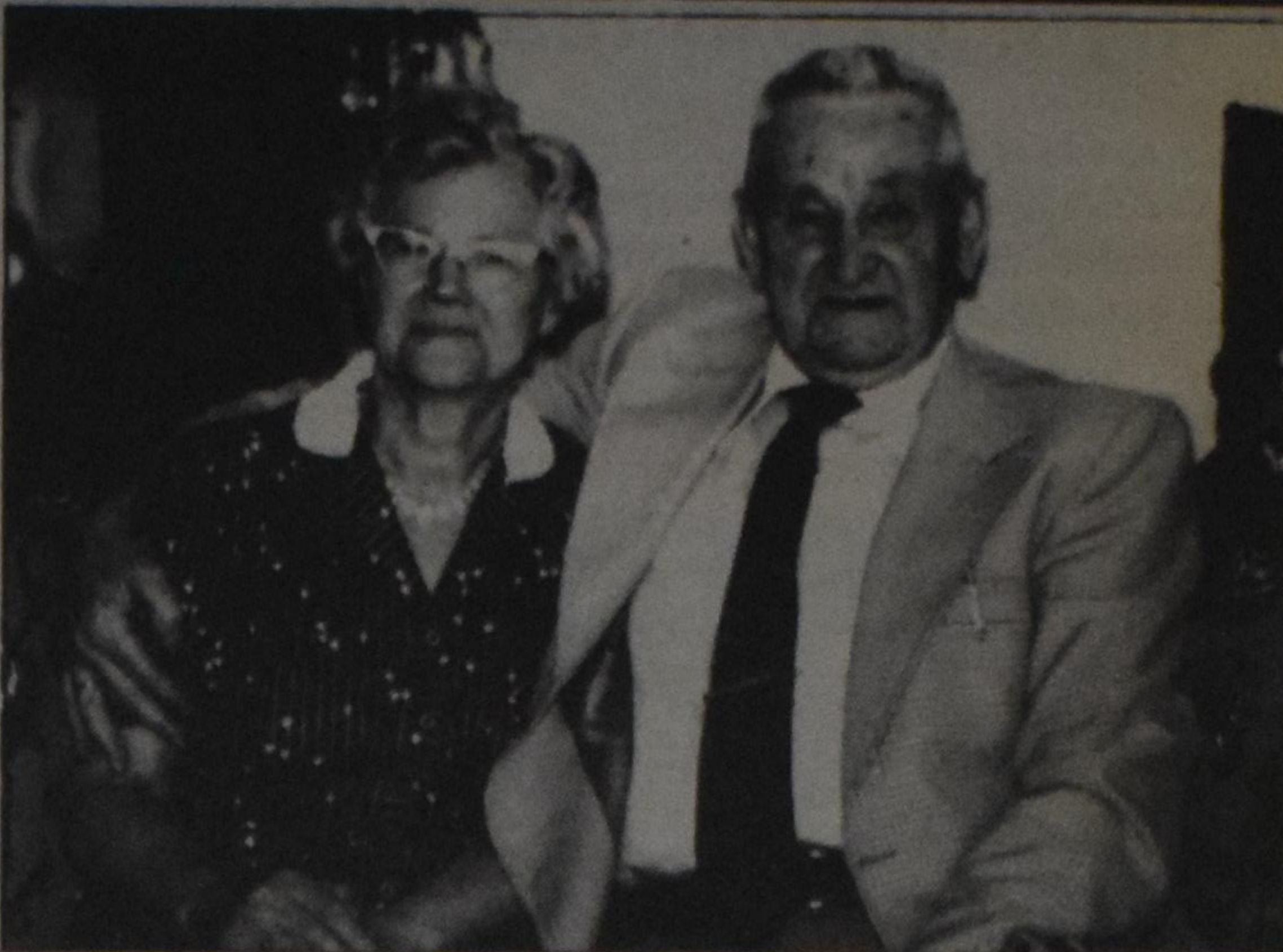
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To facilitate matters, we encourage those who request and pay for the wedding announcement to enclose \$10 and the couple's future address.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Brantford                      Georgetown<br/>1961                      June 9                      1986<br/>"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)<br/>With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we are happy to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents,<br/><br/>MARTIN and HELEN BOOMSMA<br/>(nee Hoekman)<br/><br/>May the Lord continue to keep you in His care and bless you, that you may enjoy many more years together.<br/>Congratulations Mom and Dad, with love from your children:<br/>Rob<br/>Anita (&amp; Jim)<br/>Janine<br/>— all at home<br/><br/>We invite friends and relatives to an open house at home, Saturday, June 14, 1986, from 2-5 p.m.<br/>Home address: 42 Byron St., Georgetown, ON L7G 3W7</p>                                                                                                              | <p>Nieuwe Pekela                      Cookstown<br/>1946                      June 4                      1986<br/>"Oh Lord, You are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago." (Isaiah 25:1)<br/>Ever thankful to God for the years He has let them share together, we, their loving children and grandchildren, hope to celebrate with our parents,<br/><br/>HENRY and GAIL HORLINGS<br/><br/>the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.<br/>Henry &amp; Judy Lunshof; Ben, Chris, Tammy — Smithville, Ont.<br/>Harry &amp; Joan Horlings; Sarah, Jonathan, Matthew — Springdale, Ont.<br/>Terry &amp; Anita Horlings — Toronto, Ont.<br/>Open house at 8 p.m., on June 6 at the Senior Citizen's Hall, Holland Marsh.<br/>Home address: R.R.#3, Cookstown</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Congratulations to John and Afia Schenk who will celebrate, D.V., their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4, 1986.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Births</b></p> <p><b>BOVEN:</b> "Behold, children are a gift of the Lord."<br/>Again, we, Fred and Ruth, want to thank our covenant God for making all things well with the gift of new life. Our precious little girl LEANNE RUTH was born on April 8, 1986. A new sister for Matthew, Philip, Daniel and Alaina. Leanne is the 16th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. J. Breukelaar and the ninth grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. F. Boven.<br/>12 Rosewood Crt., Woodbridge, ON L4L 3Z9</p> <p><b>HUNSE:</b> Praise our Lord for He has held us in His hand and blessed us with the wondrous birth of NADYA RAE. Her joyful parents, Hank and Joanne, and her happy sister Tamar, announce her birthday: April 28, 1986. Her grandparents are Lambert and Grace Hunse and Paul and Prina Koole.<br/>Hank &amp; Joanne Hunse: c/o Missionary Flights International M.C.A., P.O. Box 15665, West Palm Beach, FL 33406.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Hoogkerk                      Strathroy<br/>May 15<br/>With praise and thanksgiving to our covenant God and Father, we wish to announce the 45th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,<br/><br/>ALBERT and MARTA BYSMA<br/>(nee Tuinstra)<br/><br/>May God continue to bless you as you journey through life with the words of Gal. 5:13b In your hearts. With congratulations and love to Mom and Dad, Opa and Oma:<br/>Gerry &amp; Pauline Bysma — Mississauga, Ont.<br/>Audrey &amp; Kees Schullenberg — Sarnia<br/>Henry &amp; Lena Bysma — Ravenswood<br/>Rita &amp; Bert Dorgeloos — Sarnia<br/>Margret &amp; Eugene Butt — Forest<br/>15 grandchildren<br/>Home address: 77 Doune, Strathroy, ON N7G 1M1</p>                                                                                                                                                | <p>Weston                      Shelburne<br/>1961                      May 27                      1986<br/>With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we hope to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of our dear parents,<br/><br/>NICO and RIA SCHAAFSMA<br/>(nee Spierenburg)<br/><br/>Psalm 16:11.<br/>May the Lord bless and keep you and give you many more years together.<br/>Congratulations Mom and Dad, with love from your children:<br/>Michael<br/>Mark<br/>There will be an open house at our home on May 24, 1986, from 2-4 p.m.<br/>Best wishes only.<br/>Home address: R.R.#1, Shelburne, ON L0N 1S0</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Congratulations to Cor and Neeltje van Dyk (nee den Arend) who will celebrate, D.V., their 55th wedding anniversary on May 27, 1986.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Marriages</b></p> <p><b>COLYN-VAN GEEST:</b> Believing that the Lord has brought them together, we, William and Margaret Colyn of Wellandport and Isaac and Bonnie Van Geest of Grimsby are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of our children SYLVIA ELIZABETH and ISAAC. The wedding ceremony will take place on Saturday, the thirty-first of May, 1986, at 2:30 p.m., in the Riverside Chr. Ref. Church, Wellandport, Ont. Rev. A.A. Van Geest of Grimsby officiating.<br/>Future address: Box 53, Unit #61, Golden Horseshoe Trailer Park, R.R.#1, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B0</p> <p><b>NAUTA-FEDDES:</b> Believing that the Lord has brought our children together, we, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Nauta, of Merlin, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Feddes of Manhattan, Montana, announce the forthcoming marriage of their children WENDY and DAVID JON. The wedding ceremony will take place, D.V., on June 7, 1986, at 4:00 in the Blenheim Chr. Ref. Church of Blenheim, Ont. Rev. Ken VanderWal and Mr. David Poolman officiating.</p> <p><b>SEMPLONIUS-SNOEK:</b> Mr. and Mrs. E. Semplonius and Mr. and Mrs. H. Snoek are pleased to announce the marriage of their children CHRISTINE LINDA and JAMES THEODORE. The wedding took place on Saturday, May 17, 1986, at three o'clock in the Rehoboth Chr. Ref. Church, Bowmanville. Rev. J. Zantingh officiating.</p> | <p>Andyk                      Clinton<br/>1926                      June 3                      1986<br/>"To God be the glory, great things He has done."<br/>It is with joy and great thankfulness that we want to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of our parents,<br/><br/>JOHN and NELLY GUETTER<br/>(nee Cupido)<br/><br/>"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Col. 3:17)<br/>With all our love,<br/>Chris &amp; Sue Guetter<br/>Pete &amp; Joanne Guetter<br/>Rita Lazet<br/>Jean &amp; John De Jong<br/>Harry &amp; Joan Guetter<br/>Theresa &amp; Fred Bakker<br/>and their many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.<br/>Due to sickness no open house or visits. Your prayers for them are your gifts to them.<br/>Home address: R.R.#5, Clinton, ON N0M 1L0</p> | <p>1956                      May 25                      1986<br/>"But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." (Matt. 6:33)<br/>We give our thanks and praise to the Lord for the 30th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,<br/><br/>PETER and RITA SCHARRINGA<br/>(nee Rustenburg)<br/><br/>With love from:<br/>Ed &amp; Elaine; Janelle, Michael, Christa, Andrea — Waterdown<br/>Paul &amp; Denise; Jennifer — Kitchener<br/>Rob &amp; Betty Ann; Marsha, William, Brenda — Waterdown<br/>Richard &amp; Andrea (girlfriend) — at home<br/>Helene &amp; Ko — Hamilton<br/>Peter — at home<br/>Calvin — at home<br/>Open house on Friday, June 6 from 7-9 p.m., at Dundas Chr. School, O'Field Road.<br/>Home address: R.R.#2, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H0</p>                                   | <p>1931                      1986<br/>COR and NEELTJE VAN DYK<br/>(needen Arend)<br/><br/>thank God for giving them the privilege to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary with their children on May 27, 1986.<br/>As their children and grandchildren we thank and praise God for giving us parents and grandparents whose first obligation it was to serve and love God, to live according to His sovereign will.<br/>Gary &amp; Audrey Van Dyk — St. Catharines<br/>Ken &amp; Helen; Christopher<br/>Gary — Edmonton, Alta.<br/>Charles<br/>Lina &amp; Tom Zylstra — Cambridge<br/>Mary-Lou<br/>Tom &amp; Joanne<br/>Nancy<br/>Harry &amp; Nienke Van Dyk; Margaret, Johanna — Hamilton<br/>Joan &amp; Homer Bruinsma; Tim, Douglas — St. Catharines<br/>John &amp; Audrey Van Dyk; Stacey, Darren, Kari-Lynn — Kitchener<br/>Charles &amp; Patti Van Dyk; Krystal, Andrea — Kenilworth<br/>Gerard &amp; Nellie Van Dyk; Krystal, Jeffrey — St. Catharines<br/>The family will celebrate this happy occasion with a family dinner.<br/>Address: 2 White St., Building C., Apt. 308, St. Catharines, Ont.</p> | <p>On May 24, 1986, we hope to commemorate with our children and grandchildren, our 40th wedding anniversary. We are deeply thankful.<br/><br/>JENNY and MAARTEN VRIEZE<br/>12322 - 75th Palos Heights, Illinois, 60463 USA</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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(Psalm 37:5)<br/>With joy and thankfulness, we praise God for the 25 years of marriage He has given our parents,<br/><br/>JOHN and MARGARET MIDDELJANS<br/>(nee Katerberg)<br/><br/>We thank you for your love and support over the years and we pray for God's blessings in the years to come.<br/>Sandra — Toronto<br/>Eileen &amp; Rick Hoekstra — Kitchener<br/>John — Kitchener<br/>Home address: 43 Pinedale Dr., Kitchener, ON N2E 1J9</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Veenwouden                      Ancaster<br/>1946                      May 28                      1986<br/>TED and FRANCES VIERSEN<br/>(nee Talma)<br/><br/>It is with happiness and thankfulness to the Lord that we celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of our parents,<br/>Roma &amp; Peter Buwalda — Hamilton<br/>Jessie &amp; Frank Buwalda — Hannon<br/>Charles &amp; Louise Viersen — Hamilton<br/>Maynard &amp; Barb Viersen — Grand Rapids<br/>Edward — at home<br/>and 12 grandchildren<br/>An open house will be held at the Old Ancaster Town Hall on Friday, May 30, at 8 p.m.<br/>Home address: 601 Mohawk Rd., Ancaster, ON L9G 2X1</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>HARRY GLASS<br/>Our loss is his gain.<br/>Mrs. E. Glas — Brampton<br/>John &amp; Anne Glas and children — Oakville<br/>Ann &amp; Morris Vellekoop and children — Etobicoke<br/>Neil &amp; Rena Glass and children — Woodbridge<br/>Alice &amp; Kees Kooy and children — Sarnia</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:37-39)<br/>Early morning on May 7, the Lord suddenly called into His glory at the age of 59 years,<br/><br/>HARRY GLASS<br/><br/>Beloved husband of Hilda (nee Veenstra).<br/>Dear father and grandfather of: Evelyn &amp; James Fowler; Daniel, Andrew — Whitby<br/>Jackie &amp; David Gatchell — Whitby<br/>Karen — Oshawa<br/>The funeral took place on Saturday, May 10, at Zion CRC in Oshawa. Pastors Wildeboer and Wolfert officiating.<br/>Home address: 735 Hillcroft St., Oshawa, ON L1G 7H7</p> <p>"As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone; and its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, To such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them." (Psalm 103:15-18)<br/>The Lord took unto Himself our dear son and brother<br/><br/>HARRY GLASS</p> |



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| <p>On Sunday, May 7, 1986, the Lord took home our beloved husband, father and grandfather,</p> <p>DAVID JOZIASSE</p> <p>at the age of 69 years. Beloved husband of Mary Joziasse. Father of: Joan &amp; Gerry Verveda — Edmonton Kees &amp; Lenora Joziasse — Sydney, Australia Peter &amp; Ann Joziasse — Calgary Elaine &amp; John Van der Meulen — Edmonton and nine grandchildren. 3802-109 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5W 0G8</p> <p>Psalm 23</p> <p>Suddenly on Tuesday, May 6, 1986, the Lord took home our dearly loved husband and father,</p> <p>ARIE KINGSWOOD</p> <p>at the age of 59. His loving wife: Gerrie Kingswood-VanderKooy. His loving children: Michael &amp; Sherry — St. Thomas Richard &amp; Patti — Sarnia Ron &amp; Linda — St. Thomas Karin — at home The funeral took place on Thurs., May 8, from the First Chr. Ref. Church, St. Thomas, Ont. Rev. Peter Meyer officiating. Home address: 162 Sunset Dr., St. Thomas, ON N5R 3B9</p> <p>Church Council of the First Chr. Ref. Church of St. Thomas is deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved brother and deacon,</p> <p>ARIE KINGSWOOD</p> <p>who was called home on May 6, 1986. We rejoice in the knowledge that he is now with the Lord and we pray that his strong faith in God's love and grace may be a source of strength and comfort to all who have known him and loved him.</p> <p>On Friday, May 2, 1986, our Lord took to her eternal home, my dear wife, our mother, oma and great-oma.</p> <p>RYMINA VAN STAALDUINEN (nee Wemelsfelder)</p> <p>in her 83rd year. Dear wife of Martin. Dear mother of: Gerda &amp; Joe Boer — Don Mills John &amp; Ria — Beamsville Leny &amp; John Louter — Bradenton, FL Alida &amp; Jerry Slagter — Markham 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Psalm 23 11 Patton St., Apt. 1, Grimsby, ON L3M 3M4</p> | <p>2 manual reed organ (8 ranks). Full pedal; needs some work; \$1,900. 648-6585, 3170.</p> <p>For sale in Strathroy, Ont.: Bakery. European-style pastries, imports and meats. 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Church.<br/><b>Telephone: 705-429-2420</b><br/><b>Address: 459 Mosley St.</b><br/><b>Wasaga Beach, ON</b><br/><b>Site 30, Box #8, R.R.#1, L0L 2P0</b><br/><b>LEN &amp; RITA BETTE</b></p> <p>* Airconditioning<br/>* Waterbeds<br/>* T.V.<br/>* 26 units</p> <p><b>TUDOR LODGE MOTEL</b><br/><b>1665 London Rd., Sarnia,</b><br/><b>Ontario N7T 7H2</b><br/><i>"It's been our pleasure"</i><br/>Jerry and Frances Hettinga<br/><b>Phone 542-7716</b></p> <p><b>Sandy Bay Cottages</b><br/><b>Rice Lake, Ont.</b><br/><i>"A family resort"</i><br/>Come and enjoy all the improvements we have made over the past four years. Comfortable house-keeping cottages, sandy beach, children's programs, rec. hall, store, boats and motors. Inquire about our off-season vacation packages. Call or write for brochure and newsletter: Art &amp; Sue Breeze, R.R.#1, Hastings, ON K0L 1Y0; Tel: 1-705-696-2951.</p> <p><b>Lang's Resort and Campgrounds</b><br/><b>Rice Lake</b><br/>Reasonable cottages and campgrounds, excellent fishing, boats and motors, sandy beach, recreation hall. Seasonal campsites available for 1986.<br/><i>Write or phone for brochure:</i><br/><b>Lang's Resort and Campgrounds</b><br/><b>R.R.#3, Box C, Roseneath, ON</b><br/><b>K0K 2X0</b><br/><b>Phone: (416) 352-2308</b></p> <p>Chalet in the Georgian Bay area. Beautiful view overlooking the bay and the Beaver Valley. Quiet and secluded area. Fully furnished, 2 bedroom, living room with 2 bed chesterfields, 2 3 pc. bathrooms and kitchen. Approximately 20 min. from Collingwood CRC. Available for weekends or by the week during April and May. After that by week only. 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Ministers coming to Vancouver for EXPO 86, are invited to contact Rees Jens at (604) 271-3585.</p> <p><b>Ministers needed</b><br/><b>The St. Thomas First CRC</b> would appreciate hearing from ministers who will be vacationing in their area during the month of July and willing to preach one or more sermons. Please contact: Mr. H. Oegema, Clerk, 16 Massey Dr., St. Thomas, ON N5R 5M7. Phone: (519) 633-2821.</p> <p><b>Calvinist Contact:</b><br/><b>Keeping the Christian community in touch.</b></p> <p><b>Real Estate</b></p> <p><b>195 Acres.</b> Barn presently used for hogs and heavy veal. 10,000 bus. grain storage; corn crib; large imp. shed; 200 amp hydro. No. 1 land; 15 acres bush. Four-bedroom brick home, very attractive. Hangar and grass airstrip.<br/><b>100 acres</b> on paved road. 1½-storey brick home. Large barn setup for beef. Upright silo plus bunker. Imp. shed. Small bush. Spring pond. No. 1 land.<br/><b>100 acres</b> fully tiled. Dairy plus hog setup. Two silos. 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Please forward letters of application to Belleville District Christian School, R.R.#5, Belleville, ON K8N 4Z5 or call (613) 962-7849.</p> <p><b>GUELPH: John Calvin Christian School</b> situated in a beautiful university setting invites applications for several part-time positions: <b>special ed - 40%; principal's relief - 40%.</b> It may be possible to combine these into an 80% full-time position. Send inquiries and applications to: Jake Vriend, John Calvin Christian School, 290 Water St., Guelph, ON N1G 1B8 or call: (519) 824-8860 (school) or (519) 836-6507 (home).</p> <p><b>For Rent</b></p> <p>3 bedroom airconditioned town-house for rent. Close to University Plaza in Dundas. \$550 per month. Call (416) 689-7583.</p> <p><b>For rent:</b> two-bedroom self-contained apartment with sundeck. Stoney Creek-Winona area. Tel: (416) 643-1628.</p> <p><b>Help Wanted</b></p> <p><b>Caretaker</b> wanted for First Chr. Ref. Church of Toronto. Housing is available. Contact Peter Vink (416) 465-1977 or write to: P.O. Box 644, Station Q, Toronto, ON M4T 2N4.</p> <p><b>Helped wanted:</b> A Christian daycare requires a <b>teacher</b> with an E.C.E. diploma. Apply to : Bayfair Daycare, Box 37, Pickering, ON L1V 2R2. Phone: (416) 839-1842. Attention of: Sue Van Dyk.</p> <p>Person wanted for <b>tree-seedling nursery</b>. Must be fully experienced in handling agricultural equipment. Year-round employment. Groen's Nursery Ltd., 1512 Brock Rd., R.R.#4, Dundas, ON L9H 5E4; (416) 659-7072.</p> <p><b>Class A licenced mechanic</b> in well-equipped shop with diagnostic and air-conditioning experience preferred. Apply to Jerry Jagt, Painswick Motors Ltd., 570 Yonge St., Barrie, ON L4N 4E4. Phone: (705) 722-8000.</p> | <p><b>BROCKVILLE: John Knox Christian School</b> invites applications for a <b>teaching principal</b> for September, 1986. Please send resume and letters of application to: Mr. H. Somers, Principal, at 137 Pearl St., East, Brockville, ON K6V 1R2. Tel: (613) 345-1101.</p> <p><b>FRUITLAND: John Knox Memorial Christian School</b> invites teacher applications in the following areas. A part-time (50%) position in <b>remedial education</b> is available. Please contact: Mr. J. de Jager, Principal, Box 27, Fruitland, ON L0R 1L0</p> <p><b>KINGSTON: Kingston Christian School</b> invites applications for the position of a full-time teacher in <b>grades 7 &amp; 8</b> for next September. We are looking for someone with qualifications or aptitude in the areas of math, physical education and science. Preference will be given to someone with <b>teaching experience</b> in these grades. Please send application and resume to the principal at 130 Wright Cr., Kingston, ON K7L 4T9. Phone: (613) 546-4872.</p> <p><b>More classifieds next page.</b></p> <p><b>Help Wanted</b></p> <p><b>Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario</b> requires an <b>Office Secretary</b><br/><b>Duties include:</b> maintaining membership and mailing lists, typing, filing, telephone answering and other office duties.<br/><b>Valuable assets:</b> experience with a wide range of office equipment including computers, familiarity with agriculture and an understanding of Christian Action Groups. Position begins as soon as possible.<br/><b>Apply to:</b><br/><b>Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario</b><br/><b>115 Woolwich St.</b><br/><b>Guelph, ON N1H 3V1</b><br/><b>(519) 837-1620</b></p> |
| <p><b>Personals</b></p> <p>Christian bachelor desires meeting sincere Christian lady, 20-early 30's, in Ontario. Write Box #2425, Calvinist Contact, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Vacations</b></p> <p><b>Little Europe Resort</b><br/><b>Bracebridge, Muskoka</b></p> <p>Voor een geslaagde vakantie met de Hollandse gezelligheid. 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Bakema</b><br/><b>Telephone: (705) 645-2738</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>ADA REALTY LTD.</b><br/><b>3412-102 Ave.</b><br/><b>Edmonton, AB</b><br/><b>T5W 0A3</b><br/><b>Tel. 471-1814</b><br/><i>Sid Vandermeulen</i><br/>Contact us first when you think of moving to Edmonton and district.<br/><i>Het vertrouwde adres.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>Sales Representative</b><br/><i>D &amp; W Intercontinental Music Inc.</i>, distributors of pipe and electronic church organs, as well as organs for the home, needs sales representatives in various parts of Ontario. 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| <p><b>ACTON:</b> Looking for work in B.C. for the summer. Am a 23-year-old college student, very willing and able to do anything. Write: Paul VanBendegem, R.R.#1, Acton, ON L7J 2L7 or call nights 1-519-853-2380.</p> <p><b>BEAMSVILLE:</b> 14-year-old mother's helper, light housework. Good with children and animals. Call Helen at (416) 563-4681.</p> <p><b>BOWMANVILLE:</b> I am a 19-year-old college student seeking summer employment. I have experience as a mother's helper, child care worker, working with mentally and physically impaired children and adults; as well I have worked in a factory as a machine operator. Available May 26 till August 29. Please call or write: Darlene Borger, 316 Rooks Hall, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI 49506; (616) 957-6624 or at parents: 25 Jane St., Bowmanville, ON L1C 1G3; (416) 623-6049.</p> <p><b>BRANTFORD:</b> I, Theresa Bootsma, a second year student at Redeemer College, am looking for a summer job. I will be available on June 9. I have had experience in greenhouses and am willing to enter new areas. You can contact me at R.R.#1, Brantford, ON N3T 5L4. Phone: 1-519-752-6316.</p> <p><b>BURLINGTON:</b> Hi, I am 17 years old and I have finished my Gr. 12 and I am looking for a full-time job in B.C. (preferably close to New Westminster). I have experience in office work, babysitting and I presently have a part-time sales job in a seafood department in a supermarket. Please write or call me. June Blaak, 2184 New Street, Burlington, ON L7R 1H8</p> <p><b>DRAYTON:</b> 16-year-old boy is looking for summer job. I attend Woodland Chr. High School and live on a poultry and beef farm. Willing to do any farm related job. Available anytime after June 21. Phone Arnold Rumph 519-638-2053.</p> <p><b>DUNNVILLE:</b> 15-year-old boy looking for a summer job. Has experience in farm work and greenhouses. Is willing to do other jobs. Call 774-3938 after 4 p.m., or write to Larry Mans at R.R.#2, Dunnville, ON N1A 2W2</p> <p><b>DUNNVILLE:</b> I am a 19-year-old girl who is looking for a job in the field of horticulture. Preferably flower shop or garden centre: 4 years greenhouse experience with rosery, familiar with flower arranging, accepted in Guelph University as a horticulture student. Call Marcella Eikelboom (416) 774-3006.</p> <p><b>GRASSIE:</b> A male Christian high school graduate is seeking employment in the central Niagara Peninsula region during the summer months. Has experience on a poultry farm but willing to work with anything. Please respond to Bryan Klazinga, R.R.#1, Grassie, L0R 1M0. Ph: (416) 945-9685.</p> | <p><b>GUELPH:</b> I'm a male who will be 18 in July. I would like a job on a farm anywhere in Ontario. I have two summers' experience on a dairy farm. Willing to come for an interview. Please phone: Adrian Buss, (519) 824-9528.</p> <p><b>GUELPH:</b> 18-year-old girl requires farm work. (preferably dairy) Has previous experience. Available June 17th - August 31, 1986. Phone Annette Aasman at 1-519-824-4643. 11 Neeve St., Guelph, ON N1H 4B8</p> <p><b>GUELPH:</b> 15-year-old boy would like job on farm for summer holidays. Preferably southern Ontario. I attend Woodland Chr. High School, have worked two summers on dairy farm and am able to milk. Please call John Wiebenga, (519) 821-1155.</p> <p><b>HAMILTON:</b> Responsible grade 9 girl would like to babysit or be a mother's helper in your home, for a few days a week, I will also do any other odd jobs you might have. Hamilton, Ont. Mohawk and Garth area call 389-2012 Wendy Bulthuis.</p> <p><b>HAMILTON:</b> Hi! My name is Wendy. I'm 17 years old and seeking summer employment anywhere in Ontario. I have experience working on a nursery farm, babysitting, house cleaning and much more. I'm willing to learn any other type of work offered to me. I'll be available anytime after June 28th. You can write me, Wendy Kapteyn, c/o Mr. and Mrs. Nienhuis, 521 Stone Church Rd., West, Hamilton, ON L9B 1A5, or call collect at 416-383-7780.</p> <p><b>LINDSAY:</b> 15-year-old boy looking for summer employment (any kind, 705-324-9956. Tim Veltman, R.R.#6, Lindsay, ON K9V 4R6</p> <p><b>LUCKNOW:</b> I am 16 years old and looking for a job on a farm. Experienced in general farm work and enjoy working around machinery. I would prefer to work on a dairy farm. I live near Lucknow. Call 519-395-5316 and ask for Ed.</p> <p><b>MISSISSAUGA:</b> Strong 15-year-old young man is looking for any kind of summer employment. Harry Tjoelker, 1198 Kingsholm Dr., Mississauga, ON L4Y 2H2; (416) 277-0576.</p> <p><b>MOOREFIELD:</b> 15-year-old high school student seeking a summer job. Willing to do anything. Available from June 23 till the end of August. Phone Kevin Vanden Hazel at (519) 638-2936.</p> <p><b>MOOREFIELD:</b> Mature 15-year-old girl would like job as babysitter or mother's helper in Listowel-Drayton area. Call Tina 291-4639.</p> <p><b>MOUNT HOPE:</b> I am a grade 12 student, 18 years of age and would like to be employed this summer. I have experience in house cleaning and industrial cleaning and babysitting. Please contact Monique Fennema, (416) 679-4829.</p> <p><b>PALMERSTON:</b> Responsible 17-year old, grade 11 student, looking for a summer job. I am willing to do any job you might have. I have a lot of experience in babysitting and being a mother's helper. Contact Joanne Katerberg, R.R.#3, Moorefield, Ont.; telephone: (519) 638-2228.</p> | <p><b>ST. CATHARINES:</b> Second-year Calvin College student would like to find temporary employment from May 26 to June 30. I have a lot of experience with young children and enjoy working with people. Would prefer a job connected to health care or a sales position; but will consider all possibilities. Contact Laurie Vandezande at 483 Scott St., St. Catharines, ON L2M 3X1 or (416) 934-5954.</p> <p><b>ST. CATHARINES:</b> I am a full-fledged carpenter (journeyman) now studying at Calvin College. I am interested in contracting for small carpentry jobs in my area during the months of June, July and August. Do you want a kitchen renovated or a sundeck made? Contact Ed Witvoet at 684-3991.</p> <p><b>ST. GEORGE:</b> A mature, hard working student, almost 17 is looking for a summer job preferably in the area of general office work, but also experienced in farm work. Call Fred de Haan at 1-519-448-1190.</p> <p><b>SEAFORTH:</b> 17-year-old high school student would like a summer job dealing with greenhouse or garden work. I have had some experience in these areas. Please phone or write to Steven Van de Ban, R.R.#1, Seaforth, ON N0K 1W0; telephone no. (519) 527-0705.</p> <p><b>SEAFORTH:</b> Hi! I'm a grade 11, 17-year-old student seeking summer employment relating to garden or greenhouse work or doing odd jobs around the place. Please write to Harvey Van de Ban, R.R.#1, Seaforth, ON N0K 1W0 or telephone at (519) 527-0705.</p> <p><b>SHUBENACADIE:</b> I'm a male, 20 years old, MIS (Management Information Systems) major at Dordt College seeking employment for the summer dealing in the field of computers. I have dealt with several different programming languages and I am familiar with database computer systems. I am willing to work in eastern Canada or U.S. For more details contact: Jeff Bokma, 314 8 St. N.E. Sioux Center, Iowa 51250 or call (712) 722-3005 after May 10 my home address is: R.R.#1, Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, B0N 2H0.</p> <p><b>TORONTO AREA:</b> Grade 11 high school girl would like a summer job as mother's helper; likes baking. Toronto area. Call Karen Lamme, (416) 822-5109.</p> <p><b>WILLIAMSBURG:</b> Young girl, 18, experienced in housekeeping and babysitting, residing in Williamsburg but willing to move and try any type of work including farming. Wilma Luimes (613) 448-3204; R.R.2, Chesterville, On K0C 1H0</p> <p><b>WINGHAM:</b> I am an 18-year-old girl, who was brought up on a farm and I am looking for a summer job. I will do most anything. I will work in an office, help around the house, babysit, work with the handicapped or work in a store or a restaurant. I am available from June 23 to August 29. For more information call Gerda Versteeg at (519) 357-2009 or write R.R.#2, Wingham, ON N0G 2W0.</p> <p><b>WINGHAM:</b> 19-year-old girl looking for summer job. Will do farm work and can drive tractor. Will also look after children. Has been raised on a dairy farm. Phone number 519-357-2009, ask for Liz.</p> <p><b>WOODVILLE, Ont.:</b> Nataalka Balhuizen, age 16, 5' 9" tall, able and willing to tackle any summer job. Available June 21 to the end of August. Phone (705) 953-9639.</p> | <p><b>WOODSTOCK:</b> 16-year-old boy seeking a summer job. Have experience on the farm with pigs and chickens. Will learn other. Could also work in the greenhouse; I have a green thumb. Contact Tom Matter at (519) 467-5202 or write R.R.#5, Woodstock, ON N4S 7V9.</p> | <p><b>WOODSTOCK:</b> 14-year-old girl looking for a summer job. Can do light house work and am able to babysit and cook. I love working with horses. Call Lisa Matter at (519) 467-5202 or write R.R.#5, Woodstock, ON N4S 7V9.</p> |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| May 22,23,24   | Students of London District Christian Secondary School present "I Remember Mama," a comedy by John Van Druten at 7:30 p.m. at the school, <b>London, Ont.</b>                                                                                                                                                    |
| May 23         | Fourth Annual Spring Concert by the Mountainview Singers (dir. Harold de Haan) at 8 p.m. in the Mountainview CRC, <b>Grimsby, Ont.</b> Also participating: Alan and Pam Van Weelden (vocal & piano). Audience participation. Free will offering.                                                                 |
| May 24         | Mid-America Reformed Seminary's second commencement exercises at 10 a.m. in the First CRC of <b>Hospers, IA.</b> Speaker: Dr. Lester De Koster. Public invited.                                                                                                                                                  |
| May 24         | Open House Farewell Social for Geraldine Selles and Leo Batterink from 2-4 p.m. at HDCH, <b>Hamilton, Ont.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| May 26         | CSS's Harry Houtman in British Columbia.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| May 27         | Special invitation! Simen and Attie De Vries, hosts of the Dutch TV program "Wonderen Vandaag" personally invite you to attend an informative evening regarding Christian TV in Holland at the Holiday Inn (Guelph Line & QEW), <b>Burlington, Ont.</b> Please confirm your coming by calling (416) 883-3588.    |
| May 28         | Hollandse dag 1986 in de York CRC, D.V., aanvang 10 uur.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| May 28         | Frisian worship service in the Jarvis CRC, <b>Jarvis, Ont.</b> Starts at 7:30 p.m., Rev. P. Brouwer conducting the service. For info. call Beverley Slofstra at (519) 587-2162.                                                                                                                                  |
| May 30         | Special farewell service for the Rev. Bastiaan Nederlof (retiring from active ministry) at the First CRC, <b>Victoria, B.C.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| May 29-31      | "Interpreting Scripture in the Reformed Community Today." A conference at Redeemer College, <b>Hamilton, Ont.</b> Speakers include: Dr. David Holwerda, Dr. John VanderStelt, Dr. W.H. Velema, Dr. Jelle Faber, Dr. Carl Zylstra, Rev. Jack Vos and others. For info. call (416) 549-8024.                       |
| May 31         | Fellowship and Thanksgiving at 1 p.m. in Dundas Calvin Chr. School, Ofield Rd. N., <b>Dundas, Ont.</b> For info. call (416) 627-1411.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| June 1         | Bishop Desmond Tutu will speak at a city-wide ecumenical worship service at 4 p.m. in St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor St., East, <b>Toronto, Ont.</b>                                                                                                                                                      |
| June 4         | "Hollandse Dag" in the Kingston CRC, <b>Kingston, Ont.</b> Speaker: Rev. A. De Jager. Admission: \$5.00, lunch included. For info. call Mrs. W. Bylsma at (613) 386-3754.                                                                                                                                        |
| June 6-7       | Conference on "Christian Faith, Health and Medical Practice" co-sponsored by Calvin College and ICS. Speakers include Hessel Bouma, Douglas Diekema, Theodore Rottman, Edward Langerak and Allen Verhey. At the ICS, 229 College St., <b>Toronto, Ont.</b> For info. call (416) 979-2331.                        |
| June 7         | Woodland Christian High School will be celebrating its 10th anniversary. Sports events from 2:30-4:30. Evening program begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact the office at R.R.#1, Breslau, ON N0B 1M0. Tel. (519) 648-2771.                                                                          |
| June 11        | Hollandse Dag in Moorefield Park. Starts at 10 a.m. Speaker: Rev. Hans W. Zegerius. Take lunch along.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| June 16-28     | CSS's Harry Houtman in Alberta.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| June 20        | 75th anniversary of the Gereformeerde Kerk, <b>Boerakker (Gr.), The Netherlands</b> at 7 p.m. Members and former members are cordially invited.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| June 21        | 14th Annual Grunneger Picnic, from 10 a.m. at Grand River Conservation Area, <b>Rockwood, Ont.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Jun. 29-Jul. 1 | Fourth International IFFLP Congress at the Skyline Hotel, <b>Ottawa, Ont.</b> Theme: "Families in a changing world." For info. contact: (613) 728-6536.                                                                                                                                                          |
| July 9         | Hollandse Dag in the Sport's Arena, Metcalfe St., <b>Strathroy, Ont.</b> Speaker: Rev. Wm. Suk from Brampton, Ont. Starts at 9:30 a.m. with coffee. Take lunch along!                                                                                                                                            |
| August 1-4     | ICS Niagara Family Conference. Theme: "Changing and Choosing." At Niagara College, <b>Fort Erie, Ont.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Aug. 5-7       | 1986 Coffee Break Convention at Red Lion Inn, <b>Bellevue, WA.</b> Main speaker: Rebecca Pippert. Contact Edna Kuipers, 19217-55th NE, Seattle, WA 98155 or phone (206) 365-9945.                                                                                                                                |
| Sept. 26 & 27  | Concert by Homeward Bound. For more information contact Agnes Van Dyke, R.R.#1, Atwood, ON N0G 1B0 or phone: (519) 356-9006 after 6:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Oct. 17-24     | Visit Mexico (from a missionary perspective). Tour leader: Rev. Chester Schemper of the World Home Bible League. For info. phone: (416) 741-2140.                                                                                                                                                                |
| Oct. 25        | Special Holy Spirit Conference to the Reformed Faith. All-day workshops, fellowship and giant evening worship and communion service. Also featuring Grace and Colleen Reinders and the Celebration Singers. For info. call Gerrit Verstraete at (416) 890-2222; <b>Mississauga, Ont.</b>                         |
| Oct. 27-28     | Evangelical Theological Society Regional 24-hour Retreat at the <b>Guelph Bible Conference.</b> Theme: "Believing in Jesus — Following Jesus." Participants: John Bolt, Richard Longenecker, Clark Pinnock, Ian Rennie and Doug Webster. For info. write: Evelyn Pimentel, 6 Allanson St., Hamilton, ON L8N 1W5. |

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News/Events

Shapiro report helpful, says CPJ

**Bert Witvoet**  
TORONTO, Ont. — Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) likes the Shapiro report on private schools in Ontario, but would like to see some

ambiguities explained. Referring to Dr. Bernard J. Shapiro as “an experienced educator who is widely respected for his commitment to quality education and

sensitivity to justice,” CPJ states in a recent position paper that the Shapiro report is helpful in resolving a controversial issue in Ontario politics.

CPJ argues that governments have the duty to protect pluralism. “True recognition of pluralism requires more than just allowing people to *think* as they like. It requires allowing people to *act* on their beliefs, and to do so in association with others,” says CPJ in its cogently written brief.

It further stresses the prior right of parents to choose the

type of education their children require, and it urges the government to recognize the legitimacy of all *bona fide* educational communities, and to provide equal funding.

Association fine

Dr. Shapiro’s suggestion that a new category of schools be created — the associated independent school, which would operate in association with a local public school board — does not frighten CPJ. “It is a responsible attempt to pave the way for the legal recognition of independent schools, while at the same time

promoting genuine co-operation between them and the publicly funded schools,” says the brief.

Further into the brief, CPJ makes clear that it wants the integrity of the independent schools maintained: “*all* schools should have the right and responsibility to play decisive roles in determining their educational philosophy and pedagogy, in selecting their curriculum goals and resources, in the hiring of their principals and teachers, and in establishing their employment practices and working conditions.”

Oswald Smith: “greatest combination pastor, hymn writer, missionary”

TORONTO, Ont. (WEIS) — Dr. Oswald J. Smith has been called one of this century’s leaders in world evangelization. He passed away in January at the age of 96. Founder of Peoples Church in Toronto, he led that congregation to become a major supporter of world missions. In the years since its inception in 1928, the Peoples Church has contributed more than \$23-million for world missions.

Great influence

Smith’s impact, however, was felt far beyond his home base in Canada.

A tireless evangelist, he preached to large audiences around the world. In the 1920s, for instance, he engaged in an extensive ministry in Latvia and to the large number of Russian exiles who had fled their homeland in the wake of the 1917 Revolution.

His influence in world evangelization, however, was probably even greater in his arousing North American churches to the priority of world missions. He spoke frequently at large missionary conferences and in major churches, introducing the “faith promise” concept of giving to hundreds of congregations.

He was also author of 35 books which were published in 128 languages. Their circulation is estimated to exceed six million copies. Many of these books are challenges to a deeper Christian life and to whole-hearted involvement in personal witnessing and world evangelization.

He was one of the most prolific hymn writers of our time and authored Gospel songs which are sung around the world.

Not strong enough

Converted in 1906 at the age of 16 under the ministry of evangelist Reuben A. Torrey, he was told that he was too frail to engage in strenuous missionary labour. Although his far-flung ministry and extensive travels in 80 nations would tend to contradict that appraisal, he probably did more for world evangelization than he would have accomplished if stationed in one field.

An overflow congregation of 2,800 crowded the Peoples Church for his funeral on

January 30. Smith’s longtime friend, evangelist Billy Graham, spoke at the funeral. Graham described him as “the greatest combination pastor, hymn writer, missionary statesman, and evangelist of our time.”

Tributes poured in from around the world. “Oswald Smith’s impact in his generation for the cause of world evangelization is almost beyond calculation,” stated Dr. Leighton Ford, Chairman of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization.

“He had a great personal influence on my life,” added Ford. “I was a boy of 14 at a Bible conference when his message made a deep impression. It was the same year that I began my own work of evangelism.”

The torch must be passed on

Ford stated that, just as Smith had been an encourager of others, Christian leaders today should exercise the same ministry. “As Oswald Smith influenced my life and the life of many others, those in my generation must pass the torch of world evangelization on to the coming generation of leaders.

“In this ‘me generation,’ too many churches and organizations are preoccupied with their own needs,” said Ford. “His passing should lead us to reassess our own priorities and rededicate ourselves to the task of reaching those yet unreached.”

Smith was succeeded in the pastorate of the Peoples Church in 1959 by his son, Dr. Paul B. Smith. Its support of world missions has even increased since that time, and the congregation currently contributes to the support of more than 500 missionaries and nationals around the world.

How do we hold our faith? Do we hold it fearfully, burying it in the ground, lest it be contaminated by exposure to the world? Or do we hold it fearlessly, expectantly, trusting that the Lord will bless our efforts to do business for Him? Shall we give away our faith and so find life or shall we conserve our faith and lose it?

*Henk De Waard in Trowel and Sword, November, 1985 (Reformed Churches in Australia.*

Bishop Tutu to speak at ecumenical service

Gerald Vandezande

TORONTO, Ont. — Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu of Capetown, South Africa, will speak at a city-wide worship service in Toronto.

Bishop Tutu, who also serves as General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his leadership in the struggle to bring about the dismantling of the apartheid system in South Africa by peaceful means. He is a close friend of Dr. Allan Boesak, President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. Bishop Tutu and Dr. Boesak are considered to be the most influential Christian advocates for justice and peace in strife-torn South Africa.

The ecumenical service is being organized by members of Christian churches in Toronto. A banner that will symbolize the loving concern and support of Canadian Christians for the members of their church family in South Africa will be presented to Bishop Tutu.

There will be a choir of 100

voices to lead the congregation. The choir will include members from the Oakwood Wesleyan, the American Methodist Episcopalian, the British Methodist Episcopalian and the Baptist churches.

Many people are deeply concerned about the tragic situation in South Africa.

Toronto area residents will have an opportunity to express that concern by attending the ecumenical worship service at which Bishop Tutu will speak.

The service will be held on Sunday, June 1, at 4 p.m. in St. Paul’s Anglican Church, 227 Bloor St. East, Toronto. It promises to be a unique event!

Let’s Play Chess

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| M. Loenen           |           | 3     | 2     | 2     | 2     | 9     | 9     | New welcome |

Comments

A hearty welcome to Mr. Loenen who joined the ladder this month. I hope you will have a successful climb to the top. The mail to British Columbia was on time while to one part of Ontario was too late! It’s hard to set fair deadlines this way. The three-mover was tough. There were seven different variations to write down.

Solutions to the March Problems

#1084 Game Position 1. R-Q7, BxR, 2. Q-B6 or K7, Q-Q8 ch., 3. K-R2 and Black cannot prevent 4. Q-N7 mate without losing his Queen.  
Try: 1. R-Q6?, R-KB1 and Black can prevent mate.  
#1085 (Speckmann) 1. Q-QR8 threatens 2. R-B1 and 2. QxQ  
#1086 (Biesheuvel)  
Key: 1. R-N6 threat: 2. RxP ch., KxN; 3. RxP mate  
Variations: 1. --, KxN; 2. P-QB3 and 3. RxP or R-QB6 mate  
2. --, BxP; 3. B-B6 mate  
1. --, BxB; 2. R-QN4 ch., KxN; 3. R-QB6 mate.  
2. --, KxP; 3. R-K4 mate  
1. --, R-N8; 2. R-Q3 ch., KxN; 3. R-QB6 mate.  
1. --, RxP; 2. N-B5 ch., KxN; 3. RxP mate.  
1. --, R-Q3; 2. RxP ch., KxP; 3. N-Q7 mate  
1. --, PxR; 2. N-K6 ch., K-K5; 3. B-N2 mate  
1. --, P-N5; 2. RxKNP ch., KxN; 3. R-B4 mate.  
#1087 (Hoffman) Key: 1. Q-N5, threat: 2. Q-Q5 mate.

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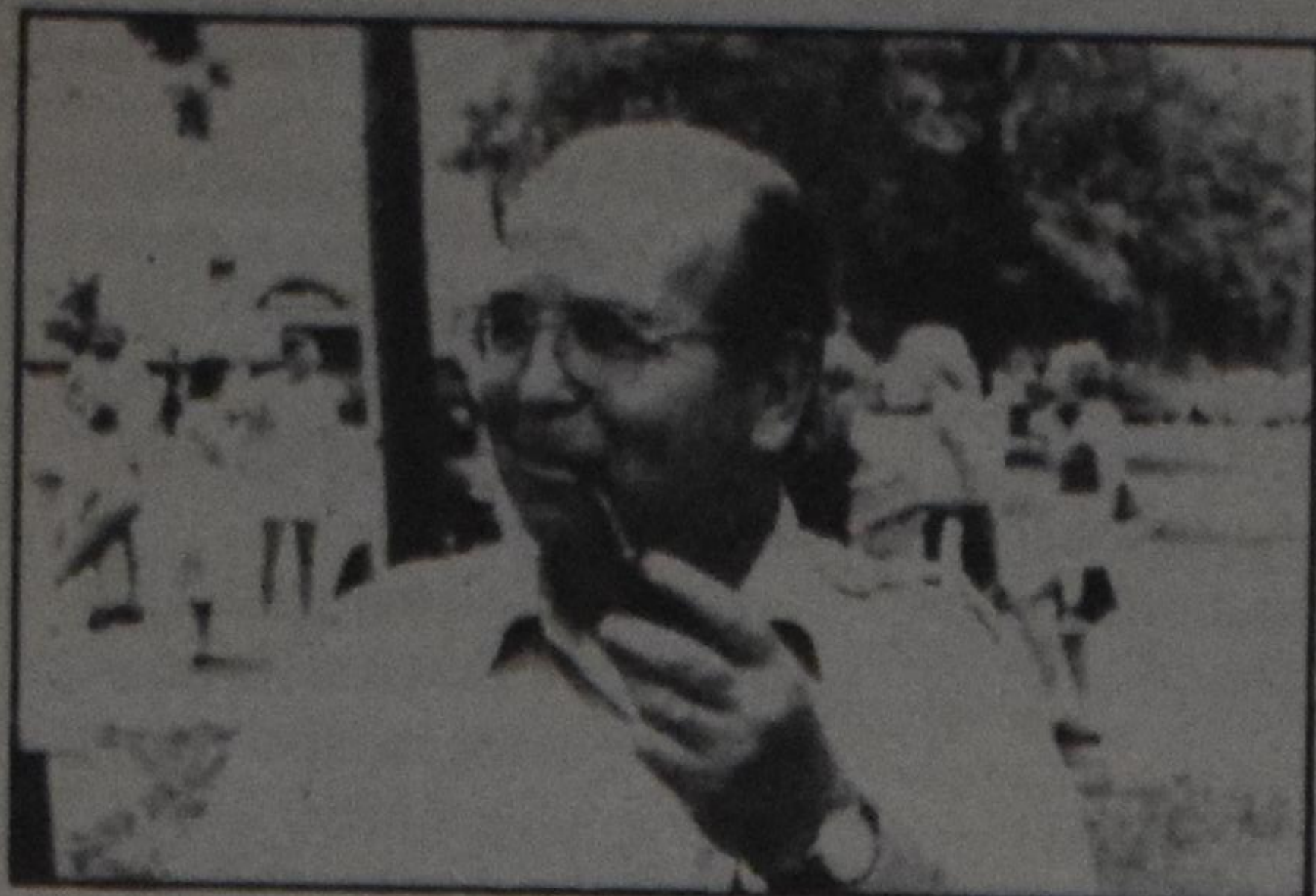
  
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## Dutch



### Herman de Jong

Wat zijn we altijd weer blij met brieven uit Canada! Onze medebewoners van ons Zuiderflat staan er altijd weer verbaasd over als de postbode ons tassen vol Airmail brengt. Zelf moeten ze het vaak doen met wat armzalige A.O.W. en Giro aftikkertjes.

Wat is het leven wonderschoon als de bleke aprilzon zich door Margriet's nieuwe vitrages worstelt, als we buurvrouw Woltjers door haar en onze open balkondeuren "De Heer is mijn Herder" horen zingen, terwijl tien verdiepingen lager schoolkinderen al 'bokjespringend' naar school gaan. Even met de lift naar en op en dan zitten Margriet en ik in onze speciale 'oudjes' stoelen (hogere zitting en rechttere rug) als gewichtige zakenlui de enveloppen open te snijden met het oude verweerde 'Molen' mesje dat steeds scherper wordt, ondanks Margriet's wantrouwen dat alles wat ik van de Grote Markt meesleep meestal niet veel soeps is.

Onder het genot van een heerlijk bakje Douwe Egberts, waarin het lepeltje haast rechtop blijft staan vanwege de room, mogen we ons dan weer andermaals verdiepen in het nieuws van Littleton and Bigtown in Ontario, en CuteTown gelegen in het verre Alberta. Daar heeft Ted zich afgezonderd van de rest van de familie.

### Ze maken het goed, maar ...

Bijzonder fel ben ik op Ted's brieven, want hij schrijft zeer sporadies. Hij heeft geen Hollandse vrouw die hem tot schrijven aanzet. Polly is onze internationale aanwinst: een roodharig Iers dametje, die nu even overtuigd C.R.C. is als ze vroeger R.C. was. Wel heeft ze nog een wat hogere dunk van Maria dan de meesten onzer. Als een Ierse met een Groninger jongen trouwt kun je rare dingen verwachten. Onze Teddie spreekt derhalve Engels met een stug Gronings accent vermengd met een zangerige Ierse spraakwijze. Zijn Canadese vrienden denken dan ook dat hij uit Schotland afkomstig is. Maar ... het is een beste jongen!

Ted schrijft dat ze het goed maken. Dat het voor de boeren in Alberta weer een bar slecht jaar gaat worden. Dat hij vreest dat zijn "Farm Equipment" bedrijf dit jaar op de fles zal

gaan. En onze Alice deed belijdenis in een prachtige witte jurk met passend wit hoedje. Dat wilde Polly zo graag, want zo had die haar eerste ouwel ontvangen in een grote kathedraal in Ierland. Het is Polly voor en na in deze brief. Ik voel 'met me klompen an' dat Ted persé niet wil schrijven over zijn wanhopige strijd om zijn bedrijf overeind te houden.

### Die Aaf toch

De maandelijkse brief van Bertus is geschreven door Aaf, want Bertus heeft aan schrijven een heleboel broertjes dood. Aaf schrijft ontzettend leuk. Ze verwerkt in haar epistel meestal een twintig vragen alsof ze een boekwerk-van-een-brief terug verwacht. Meestal laat ze een kwart van het blauwe 'Airmail' briefje open voor Bertus, waarin die dan met struisvogelpoten een paar koeien van waarheden schrijft.

Maar deze keer is er een apart velletje bij van Bertus. Wat moet je ook anders als je vrouw haar gedeelte eindigt met: Nu lieve vader en moeder, Bertus zit hier naast me te popelen om u in drie zinnen te verkondigen dat ik al geschreven heb wat hij had willen schrijven; dat hij inderdaad nog uw liefhebbende zoon is; dat hij hoopt dat de Heer u in al uw ouderdomsmankementen zeer nabij is; en dat hij er naar uitziet u spoedig weer te zien in Canada, want wij zelf hebben nog niet genoeg gespaard om naar Holland te komen; een dikke zoen voor Moeder en Pa, holt de koper moar veur! Uw liefhebbende zoon!

Ik schiet in de lach! Margriet, die nu Ted's brief verorbert, kijkt verwonderd op. Ik doe dat wel vaker tegenwoordig: zo plotseling in de lach schieten. Ik vermoed dat Margriet denkt dat ik wat seniel word. "Wat heb je nu weer," zegt ze half-meewarig meelachend.

Ik weet wel dat ze denkt dat het niet meer snor met me zit en een tikkeltje kriegelig antwoord ik: Mens, ik mag toch wel effe lachen? Dan zijn we allebei eventjes onder de indruk van dat woord 'mens.' Is het zover met ons gekomen? Mens, erger je niet? Dat moet ik goed maken. Maar daarvoor moet ik overend want nog altijd zoenen we narigheden af. Vooruit dan maar ....

### Als zoon ...

Het velletje van Bertus begint met: Heeft Aaf me nu es

## Van Halsema's Onthullingen

## Brieven uit Canada (I)

lekker te pakken! Nu kan ik er niet onderuit, hè? Het is zes uur in de morgen. Ja, ja, ze schopte me het bed uit, want de brief moet deze morgen nog weg volgens haar ....

We vernemen uit de bijdrage van zoonlief Bertus dat hij nog steeds droog is. Elke maand naar een A.A. meeting. En elke dag een telefoontje van een andere strijder. Als diaken verheugt hij zich erover dat zijn classis \$150.000 opbracht voor 'honger in Afrika' en dat bedrag gaat twee keer over de kop door de regering. Als echtgenoot verheugt hij zich er op dat het nog nooit zo goed

tussen hen is geweest.

Als vader is hij blij dat hun Ken naar Redeemer College gaat in september, ofschoon het, ondanks alle goede voorlichting, wel een dure boel is. Als tuinier heeft hij de sla en de spinazie gezaaid en de bonen moeten nog even wachten want in mei kun je nog nachtvorsten verwachten. Op zijn werk gaat het goed, hoor! De baas wilde hem op de weg hebben, maar dat heeft hij geweigerd, U weet wel waarom ....

### Onbreekbare band

Na het lezen van al die brieven, zet ik me neer op het

balkon. Nieuws uit Canada geeft je te peinzen. Het vliegtuig Eelde-Amsterdam zwenkt af over het Paterswoldse Meer. Mevrouw Woltjers geeft op haar balkonnetje de bloemetjes water. Ze zingt: O, Heer, die daar des hemels tente spreidt ....

Margriet komt naast me zitten. Ze zegt wat ik denk (en dat gebeurt wel vaker tegenwoordig): "Over Holland en over Canada!"



Carl D. Tuyl

## Persoverzicht

Het is druk in Tokio deze dagen. Nauwelijks waren de staatshoofden vertrokken of wie kwam er op visite? Niemand anders dan Prins Charles en Prinses Diana. De prinses had het even benaamd tijdens het bezoek aan Expo, ze schudde teveel handjes en liep met teveel bloemen te sjouwen. Zoiets gaat je niet in de kouwe kleren zitten, nietwaar?

En onze eigen prinses — Mila en haar man waren in Zuid Korea, waar de mensen voor een hongerloontje auto's en T.V.'s voor ons maken. Mulroney gaf een les in democratie maar dat was tegen dovemansoren gesproken. President Chun Doo Hwan is net zo democraties als een kat met jongen. Wie niet doet wat er gezegd wordt, wordt in de kraag gegrepen.

De Minister voor Industriële Aangelegenheden — Sinclair Stevens — heeft onder nadrukkelijke betuigingen van onschuld zijn ontslag ingediend. Mulroney nam het ontslag aan terwijl hij in Korea was. Dat is nou al de vijfde minister die zijn portfolio heeft moeten inleveren. Het is geen aanbeveling voor onze huidige regering. De oppositie kon haar lol niet op in de Kamer. Iedere dag weer opnieuw werd er van leer getrokken. De-man-zonder-lach, plaatsvervanger voor Mulroney, kreeg orders vanuit Zuid Korea om Stevens zoveel mogelijk te verdedigen, hetgeen Nielsen dan ook deed met zijn bekende "stalen gezicht pose."

Er is een aanvraag op de synode om ons Ministerie voor Milieuzaken op de lijst te zetten voor één of meer

kollektes. Dat is omdat het departement blut is! De beurs is leeg. Er is ook een verzoek ter synode om het departement onder te delen bij het Fonds voor Noodlijdende Kerken. Gelukkig is er nog net genoeg geld om de minister's — Tom McMillan — salaris te betalen.

Met de posterij blijft het halen en brengen. In de meeste geciviliseerde landen zijn er meer dan één bestelling per dag, maar in Canada gaat het aan op bestelling om de andere dag. Al met al komen er vragen over de hele bekwaamheid van ons bestuursapparaat. Er gaan teveel dingen verkeerd!

We mogen met grote blijdschap een klein bewijs van medemenselijkheid berichten. De wereld is nog niet helemaal gek: de aardappelen die in New Brunswick doorgedraaid werden gaan naar hongerlijdende mensen in onze steden. Een tien met een zoen van de juffrouw voor allen die voor die onderneming hun energie besteed hebben.

De kernreactie in Rusland beheerst nog een groot gedeelte van het wereldnieuws. De Russen wilden wel graag dat we eens over iets anders zouden gaan praten, maar het geval is benauwend genoeg om ons voor een lange tijd bezig te houden. Iedereen zegt dat het hier nooit zou kunnen gebeuren. Maar iedereen zei ook dat de inkomstenbelasting na de oorlog opgeheven zou worden, en Diefenbaker hield vol met de hand op z'n warm Canadees kloppend hart dat ons verzekeringsnummer nooit voor andere doeleinden gebruikt zou worden. Verzekeringen van regeringen hebben wat gemeen met de

zinken stuivertjes uit de oorlog: je koopt er niet veel voor! In ieder geval krijgen we geen woord uit de mond van Michael Gorbachev die over het hele geval zwijgt in alle talen.

Onze relatie met Washington is niet vrij van spanningen. Onze onofficiële vertegenwoordiger — een voormalig vrouwensman van President Reagan — is in ongenade omdat hij zijn invloed te koop heeft aangeboden, en onze officiële vertegenwoordiger-ambassadeur Gotlieb, nog niet zolang geleden de ster van ons corps diplomatique, is sinds zijn vrouw haar secretaresse een oorvijg toediende, ook niet zo populair meer in Ottawa. Er gaan geruchten rond dat Ottawa naar een plaatsvervanger zoekt. Als teken des tijds en als bewijs dat 't kan verkeren, vermelden we nog even dat een Amerikaanse firma een communicatie-kunstmaan wil laten lanceren door de Chinezen.

Er was een interessante klacht in de Ann Landers rubriek. (Zelfs dat lees ik) Ann Landers verwijst mensen die ze niet met advies kan dienen naar hun dominee. Nu was er een brief van een meisje die een zonde tegen haar dominee bekend had. Een week later wist de hele gemeente het. Hoe vertrouwelijk is de dominee? En is het huisbezoek prive? Denk er eens over na!

Carl Tuyl is predikant van de CRC in Kingston, Ontario.





## Als je 't mij vraagt ...

Syrt Wolters

Van een vriend en broeder in .... kreeg ik een reactie op mijn vorig artikel, "Bent u wel lid van de plaatselijke Christelijke schoolvereniging?" Omdat ik vrees dat wat hij schrijft ook geldt voor andere schoolgemeenschappen, ga ik graag in op enkele punten.

M'n vriend schrijft, "Hoewel we nog wel lid zijn van de high school, met de lagere school is het anders gesteld. Voor meer dan 20 jaar zijn we lid geweest en betaalden ons lidmaatschap prompt elk jaar (soms na een aanmaning). Maar de laatste zes jaar ontvingen we geen enkele informatie meer van de school. We moesten er om vragen! Toen we dit onder de aandacht brachten van de "promotion committee" om meer aandacht te schenken aan de "ouderen" onder ons, werd ons van alles beloofd, maar er gebeurde niets. De laatste drie jaren hebben we het opgegeven — ons lidmaatschap is verlopen, en we horen niets meer. We worden ook niet op de hoogte gehouden van ledenvergaderingen, dus van enige invloed op de gang van zaken is geen sprake meer."

Tot zover m'n vriend's brief. Hier is natuurlijk een heleboel niet in de haak. Er liggen hier problemen aan beide kanten.

Eenzijds hebben we "ouderen" die nog graag

willen meeleven, en zich bewust zijn van hun gemeenschappelijke verantwoordelijkheid wat christelijk onderwijs betreft, met daar tegenover een schoolbestuur (commissie) die de moeite niet eens neemt om daarop in te haken ten voordele van de christelijke school.

Anderzijds hebben we mensen die zich van die verantwoordelijkheid ontslagen achten nadat hun kinderen de school doorlopen hebben. Voor hen is de kous af, wat de christelijke school betreft.

### Waarom steunen we de school?

Er zijn mensen die een houding aannemen met te zeggen, "Als dat bestuur niet meer belang stelt in ons, dan moeten ze ook zelf maar weten, maar we doen niet meer mee."

Is dat de juiste houding? Steunen we de school terwille van een bestuur of een commissie? We zijn toch geen "klanten" van het bestuur of van de school geworden? (Als we niet meer behoorlijk bediend worden, zeggen we de klandizie op.)

Toen we nog kinderen op school hadden en hartelijk onderschreven wat er in onze statuten stond, dat niet alleen de ouders, maar de gehele christelijke gemeenschap verantwoordelijk is voor

## "Waarom bent u geen lid meer van uw plaatselijke Christelijke schoolvereniging?"

christelijk onderwijs van de verbondskinderen, hebben we dat toen echt gemeend of alleen maar beleden omdat dat goed in ons kraam te pas kwam? Betekent het onderschrijven van zulk een standpunt niet, dat we, als de tijd komt dat we geen kinderen meer op school hebben, de school met onze gebeden en onze gaven, en onze mede-verantwoordelijkheid zullen steunen.

Het is natuurlijk echt menselijk om, wanneer de leiding in de schoolvereniging verstek laat gaan, te zeggen, "Dan doe ik ook niet meer mee!" Maar dat is niet de juiste houding. Tenslotte steunen we de school niet om der wille van de bestuursleden, maar terwille van degelijk christelijk onderwijs. Bovendien — de bestuursleden doen het ook niet voor eigen belang. Dat zijn ook vrijwilligers!

### Een "booster club"

Ik heb een idee: In de meeste

kerkelijke gemeenten bestaat er een groep van ouderen. "De Jeugd van Gisteren" of met wat andere naam ook. Waarom niet als groep zelfstandig eens iets ondernemen voor de school? Zorg er als groep voor dat iedereen zijn lidmaatschap instand houdt. Bovendien — zet een "pot" op, waar iedereen wat intoet elke keer als men bij elkaar komt; zet het op de bank, en als er eens wat extra's voor de school moet komen, spreek die "pot" aan.

En natuurlijk sta er op dat jullie "groep" op de adressenlijst komt voor alle informaties. Benoem een secretaris, aan wie alles gestuurd kan worden. Op die manier krijgt de school een hele groep mensen in één klap. Het is goedkoper en een stuk meer effectief.

En als er dan belangrijke dingen besproken en besloten moeten worden, de hele groep trekt naar de vergadering en brengt als individueel zijn stem

uit. Je zult eens zien wat een invloed er dan nog uitgaat van die "oudjes!" En het mooiste is, dat je er zelf jong bij blijft!

Nu is het natuurlijk makkelijk om te zeggen, "Ja, dat is een goed idee!" Maar als het daarbij blijft, veranderen de zaken niet. Iedereen, die dit een goed idee vindt, moet het eigenlijk direct opnemen en er over praten met anderen. Dan met een beetje ouwe hollandse vasthoudendheid, zal men versted staan over het succes.

Het zal mij bijzonder veel plezier doen als ik van verschillende kanten hoor: Ja hoor, we hebben hier een "boosterclub van oudjes" voor de school.

Van welke groep hoor ik het eerst?

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## Een prentbriefkaart uit Ermelo

A.J. Klei

Weet je al dat een van je stukjes is overgenomen door De Reformatie?, vroeg de vrijgemaakte gereformeerde lezeres, met wie ik een zuiver telefonische verhouding heb.

Uit de formulering van haar vraag blijkt dat de afstandelijke aard van onze betrekkingen een zekere intimiteit niet in de weg hoeft te staan: we zijn van het formele 'u' overgegaan op het gemeenzame 'je.' Ik acht het zelfs niet uitgesloten dat eens een dag aanbreekt waarop we elkaar bij de voornaam zullen noemen. We zullen echter niets forceren.

Voorts kan ik melden dat ik dit vakantieseizoen niet één, zoals gebruikelijk, doch twee prentbriefkaarten van haar ontving. Ik was hier niet op voorbereid en had daardoor niet in de gaten dat die tweede kaart ook van mijn vrijgemaakte lezeres afkomstig was.

Van wie heb je deze?, vroeg mijn vrouw, een prentbriefkaart met de hervormde kerk van Ermelo erop in de hoogte houdend.

Dat weet ik niet, antwoordde ik, er staat geen afzender op en uit wat hij of zijer bij geschreven heeft, word ik niets wijzer.

Lang gewacht/niet stilgezwegen ... het woordje niet staat tussen haken ... nooit gedacht/ toch gekregen, las mijn vrouw halffluid.

Ja, en dan staat er onderaan nog: Samen op weg, vulde ik aan.

Misschien van je vrijgemaakte vriendin!, opperde mijn vrouw die al mijn

geheimen deelt.

Nee, wist ik zeker, van haar heb ik al de Dom van Keulen gekregen. Ik heb nog tegen haar gezegd dat zij als vrijgemaakte me beter een reformatorische kerk kon sturen.

We hingen de ongeïdentificeerde prentbriefkaart uit Ermelo bij de andere kaarten waarmee vakantie-gangers ons een genoeg hadden bereid.

Deze week is het raadsel opgelost. Door de telefoon diende zich mijn vrijgemaakte lezeres aan: Nou, wat vond je van mijn degelijke kaart uit Ermelo? Lang gewacht en toch gekregen! Ik had je nog liever een vrijgemaakte kerk gestuurd, maar die kon ik niet te pakken krijgen.

Ik bekende dat ik niet op haar als afzender gekomen was, vooral niet wegens dat onvrijgemaakte Samen op weg.

Hierop bracht zij mijn aanwezigheid in De Reformatie ter sprake. De Reformatie, moet men weten, is het weekblad van alle ware vrijgemaakten en het feit dat mijn proza waardig was bevonden om in de kolommen van dit zeer zuiver-op-de-

graatse blad te prijken, bezorgde mij extra genegenheid van de vrijgemaakte lezeres en bijna had ik me laten ontvallen: Zeg maar Bert ...

De Reformatie gaf aan zijn lezers door, wat ik over de Dordtse VVV had geschreven: dat ze daar een Amerikaan die vroeg naar zichtbare sporen van de synode van Dordt, niet hadden kunnen helpen.

Directeur J. Janssen dezer VVV heeft de zaak tot de bodem uitgezocht, hij rustte niet voordat hij de onderste steen boven had, en laat me nu in een lange brief weten dat de Amerikaan tijdens een lunchpauze verschenen was, toen alleen een invalster achter de balie stond. Zij had nog gezegd: als u een ogenblikje wacht ..., maar de man was al weggebeend.

Voorts toonde de heer Janssen met gefotokopieerde stukken aan dat ze bij de VVV in Dordrecht gegevens over de daar in 1618-1619 gehouden synode binnen handbereik hebben.

Mooi, en nu maar hopen dat De Reformatie ook dit stukje overneemt.

*Overgenomen uit Trouw.*

## Het lot

*'k Vertrouw op God,  
maar 'k heb een lot gekocht  
'k hoop op de honderd-duizend prijs  
't beheerst mijn denken en mijn doen  
ver kun je gaan met al die poen  
ach stil, het is toch mis  
ik win het niet, wees wijs!*

*The trekking nadert!  
'k blijf soms wakker uit de slaap  
of 'k droom, de winst ligt op mijn lot  
dan schrik ik, als 'k aan David en de psalmen denk  
hij leefde dag en nacht met God.*

*Maar toen hij 't lot in eigen handen nam  
verloor hij God, hij was Hem kwijt  
tot hij in grote ootmoed 't kwaad beleed  
God strafte hem  
en hij lag neer in grote spijt.*

*Daar ga ik dan, daar sta ik dan  
mag ik niet hopen op het geld?  
God in het hart, 't lot in de hand  
dat uitkomst geeft en leed vergoed!!  
als 't geld eens op het nummer valt  
ik kan het niet, ik heb geen moed.*

*Dan komt de trekking!  
'n grote prijs valt op het nummer in mijn hand  
men zegt nu tegen mij: "Waar is Uw lot?"  
ge hebt gewonnen heel veel geld!"  
ik antwoordde: "waar vraagt gij om  
'k leef nu met God, ik heb het lot verbrand."  
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### Bible story books

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meanings of the biblical passages to be read and relate them to the child's own life and the lives of all of us as children of God.

The illustrations are expertly done but are a little too perfect. Even in their Middle Eastern garb, the biblical characters look too much like white North

Americans — playing dress-up. In general, though, this is an excellent book for young children both in content and visual impact.



### Bible commentaries

#### Thorough scholarship from a Baptist viewpoint

*First Peter* by D. Edmond Hiebert. Chicago: Moody Press, 1984. Softcover, 329 pp. \$15.50. Distributed by R. G. Mitchell Family Books Ltd., Willowdale, Ontario. Reviewed by Rev. Johan D. Tangelder, Strathroy, Ontario.

The message of I Peter offers profound inspiration amid suffering for the Lord's sake. It is an epistle of triumphant faith, proclaiming a Christ-centred hope of the believer in the midst of an agnostic, antagonistic and unbelieving world. The apostle Peter aims to rally his readers through a practical appeal to courage, purity and faithfulness to Christ.

Dr. Hiebert's commentary on the first epistle of Peter is meant for the diligent student of Scripture. The (English) Bible version Hiebert quotes is the RSV. Though based on the Greek text, this commentary is intended for those who may not be proficient in Greek. All Greek words and phrases have been transliterated and, generally, placed in parentheses, with the translation appearing in the immediate context. A detailed outline of the epistle appears at the beginning and is followed throughout the exposition. An extensive bibliography provides sources for further study.

Dr. Hiebert has a dispensationalist-Baptistic approach. Though the Reformed pastor will find this commentary an excellent tool for expository preaching, it should be used with care. Dr. Hiebert comments on chapter 2, verses 9 and 10, that Peter clearly intended to establish a parallel between Israel and the Church, yet he believes that God has a special place for Israel. He says, "It does not naturally follow from the parallel between Israel and the church that Peter believed that the church has permanently replaced Israel and that the latter will not again enjoy a separate existence under the favour of God. Israel's future is inseparably connected with its acceptance by faith of the returning Messiah." In his comments on chapter 3, verse 21, he clearly holds forth the Baptist view of the sacrament of baptism.

Dr. Edmond Hiebert acquired his Th.D. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is professor of Greek and New Testament at the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary.

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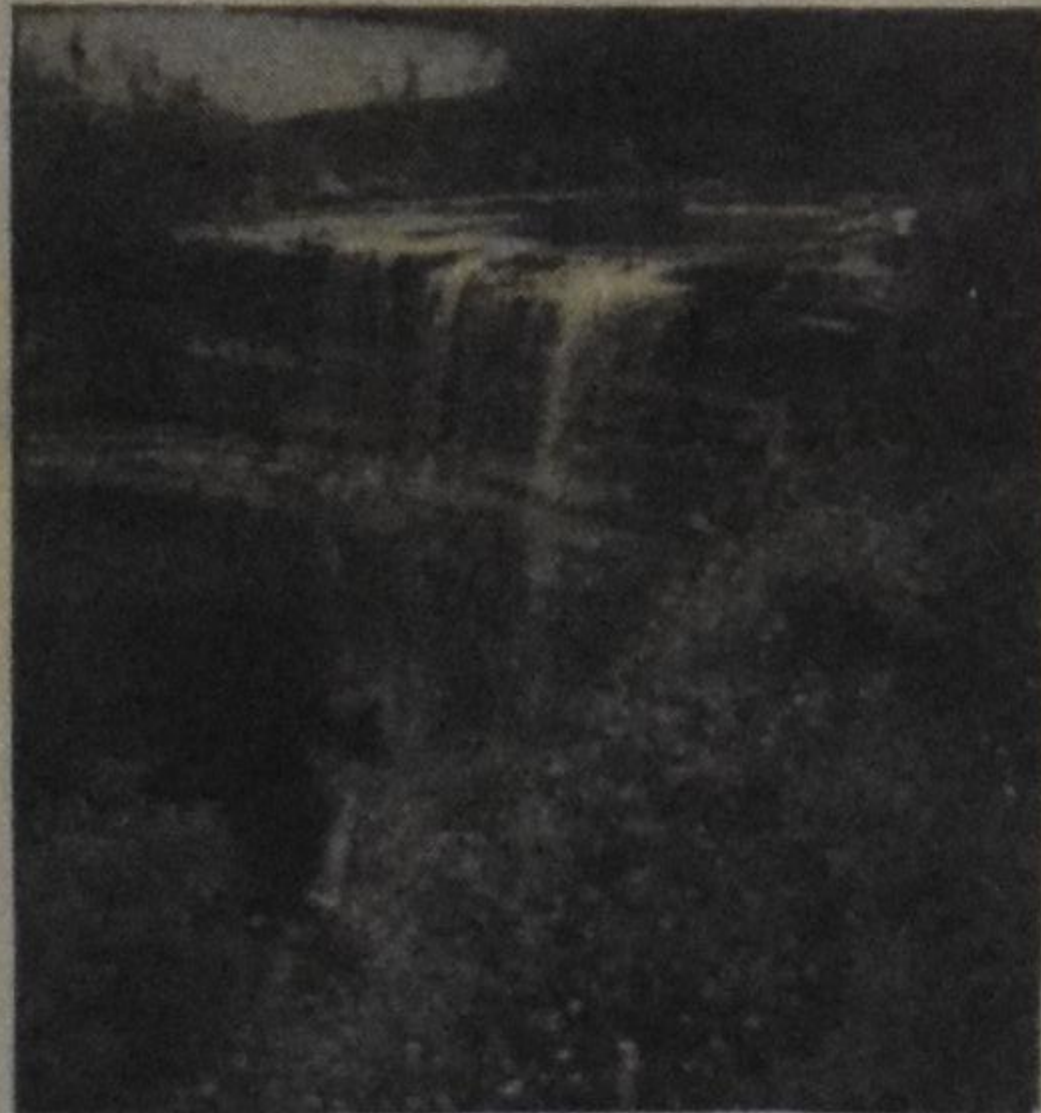
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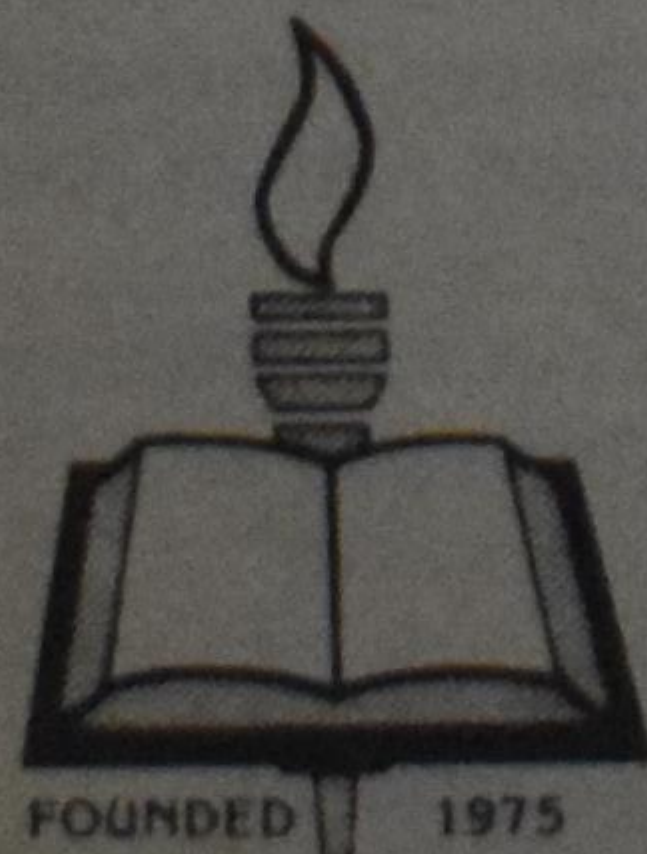
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